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Army pays tributes to 2 soldiers killed in blast

Jammu: Army personnel pay tributes to two soldiers who were killed in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast near the Line of Control in Jammu's Akhnoor sector on Wednesday. General Officer Commanding of the Jammu-based White Knight Corps, Lieutenant General Navin Sachdeva led the wreath-laying ceremony for the slain soldiers | **PTI** | **P10**

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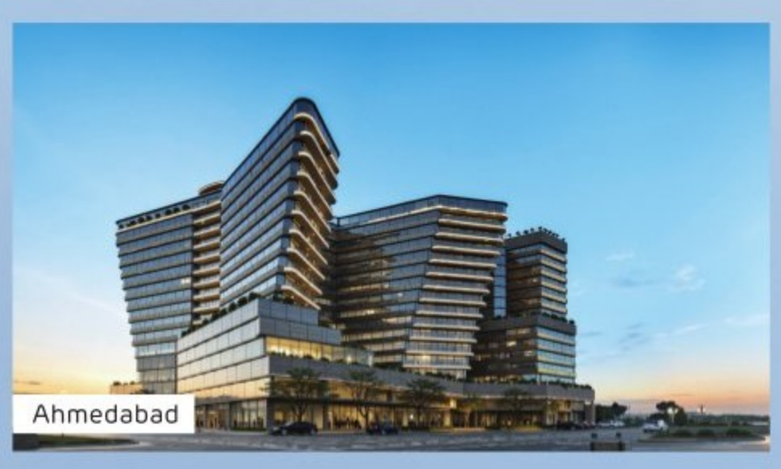
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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT SHORT TERM "e" TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only)

KPCL invites bids in two covers through "e" Procurement Portal **(Website: URL: https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in)** for the following works:

BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION

1) **KPCL/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT2532 Dtd: 23.01.2025** for Supply, installation, testing, commissioning, demonstration and training of EHV class surge arrestor leakage current analyzer along with standard accessories at BTPS, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works. **EMD: Rs.25,158/-.** Last date for online submission of tenders: **24.02.2025, 17.00 Hrs.** For details contact: **Executive Engineer(ODY)**, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini - 583152, Bellary Dist. Mobile: 91416 19285.

RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION

2) **KPCL/2024-25/IND1357/CALL-2** Procurement of Welding transformer and welding machines for BM division of RTPS. **EMD: Rs.23,500/-.**

3) **KPCL/2024-25/IND1358/CALL-2** Procurement of Water valves for Units 1 to 4 boilers of RTPS. **EMD: Rs.2,500/-.**

Last date for receipt of bids: For Sl. No. 2 & 3: **13.02.2025, 16.00 Hrs.** For details contact: **Executive Engineer (Purchase),** RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist. Raichur. Mobile: 94495 97966. E-mail: eeprtps@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (Main) at Bhavnagar, (Gujarat State)

M.A.C.Petition No. 60/2020

Deceased : Surendrakumar Bishmbhar Sharma
His Legal Heirs : (1) Raman Surendra Sharma & 1 Other
Resident Address : Plot No. 507, Iscon Mega City, Water Tank to Jwelars Circle Road Bhavnagar

M.A.C.Petition No. 61/2020

Deceased : Surendrakumar Bishmbhar Sharma Owner of Car No. GJ-04-CA-2336
His Legal Heirs : (1) Raman Surendra Sharma & 1 Other
Resident Address : Plot No. 507, Iscon Mega City, Water Tank to Jwelars Circle Road Bhavnagar

M.A.C.Petition No. 62/2020

Deceased : Shushila Surendrakumar Sharma
His Legal Heirs : (1) Raman Surendra Sharma & 1 Other
Resident Address : Plot No. 507, Iscon Mega City, Water Tank to Jwelars Circle Road Bhavnagar

– Applicant

V/S

Owner of Opp.No.1 : Car No. KA-09-MA-3388. : Pokarram Jayaram ji
Resident Address : Manjunath V/Bldes, Nagendra Plaza, Nr. Daddys Garden Road, Kammsandra, E-Coty, Karnataka - 560 100

...Opponent..

You, Opponent No.1, is hereby informed by this Public Notice that above named That on 10.05.2019. The Claimants along with their parents had gone out of station for some work, and after finishing the said work they were retuning in their Car Bearing registration No. GJ-04-CA-2336 and at this time the said Car was being driven in a Moderate speed and on its correct side, however, when the said Car reached the spot of occurrence of the accident in question a dog suddenly came in between, and hence, while trying to save the doog the wheel of the Car dashed with divider on the road due to which the tyre burst and resultantly the driver lost control over the steering, however, at the same time the driver of one other Car bearing registration No. KA-09-MA-3388 of Opp. No 1 Coming from the Opposite direction also drive the said Car in a rash ans negligent manner endangering human life due to which the said Car dashed with the Car of the claimants. It is further stated that, at the time just before the occurrence of the accident the car which dashed with the Car of the Claimant was dashed by Opponent No.3's Car bearing registration No. MH-12-RK-0760 from the backside. Therefore causing the Accident & death of deceased & Damaged Car.

Therefore the Legal Heirs off Deceased has filed MACP Claims No.60/2020 to 62/2020 through his Advocate against you Opp. No.1 in this MAC Tribunal, Bhavnagar. U/s. MVAct 166 MACP No.60/2020 to get Accident Compensation of 61,00,000/- & MACP No.61/2020 to get Accident Compensation of Rs. 5,41,140/- & MACP No.62/2020 to get Accident Compensation of Rs. 5,00,000/-.

The above MAC Petition is fixed on Dare - 13th0March-2025. Therefore you Opp.No.1, is directed to remain present on this day at 11.00 A.M in this Tribunal in person or through your Advocate to submit your Reply or objections of this Claims. In Person failing which the Hon'ble tribunal shall proceed in the matter against you in your absence, as per the rules which may be noted.

Given under my Signature & Seal of the Tribunal on Date : 01- February - 2025

Prepared By : **(K.M. Raba)** Assistant
Compared By : **(A.V.Nanavati)** Superintendent

By order: **(H.V. Joshi)**
Dy. Registrar M.A.C. Tribunal, Bhavnagar

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No.: EEE/PROJ/KPL/24-25/116-118 Date: 11-02-2025

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited has formulated a scheme under Section 67 of the Electricity Supply Act 2003 and the same is herewith published in pursuance of Section 67(ii) of the said Act for information of the general public. Particulars of the scheme are as follows.

1. **Name of the Scheme**: **Establishing 2X10MVA, 110/11kV Sub-Station at Nelogipura (Bhairapura) in Koppal Taluk of Koppal District** along with construction of associated 110kV line required for this Sub-Division by making LILO arrangements from the existing 110kV Mundaragi-Betagera Line for a distance of 5.693 kms.
2. **Salient Features:** To improve the voltage and provide quality and reliable Power Supply to the consumers of **Nelogipura, Bhairapura, Alawandi, Halawagali, Belagatti, Kavaluru, Mornal, Bochanalli, Hankunti, Tigari and surrounding villages coming the limits of proposed 110kV Sub-Station, Nelogipura.**
3. The above said line passes through **Kampli and Bhairapura villages of Koppal Taluk of Koppal District.**

The Corporation shall have and shall exercise all powers which the Indian Telegraph Act 1885 (13 of 1885) for carrying of above scheme. Objection to the scheme if any should be sent to the Executive Engineer (Ele), Projects Division, KPTCL., Koppal within 30 days from the date of publication of the notification for consideration by the Corporation.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele), Projects Division, KPTCL, Koppal

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru invites tender in two bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka for the following subjects:

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No & Date	Particulars
1	SJICR/2024-25/SE0015 Dt. 12.02.2025	Providing Security Services at SJICR, Kalaburagi
2	SJICR/2024-25/SE0016 Dt. 12.02.2025	Providing Housekeeping Services at SJICR, Kalaburagi
3	SJICR/2024-25/SE0017 Dt. 12.02.2025	Providing Manpower Services to SJICR, Kalaburagi

The tenderers can download the documents from https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from **14.02.2025** and the last date for submission of completed tenders through e-portal is **28.02.2025 up to 4:00 PM.**

1. Date of Pre-bid meeting: **19.02.2025 at 11:30 AM.**
2. Date of Technical Bid opening:**01.03.2025 at 4:00 PM.**
3. EMD: **as mentioned in the tender document.**
4. For further details please visit our website: **www. jayadevacardiology.com**
5. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason at any stage of processing.

Sd/-
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PRINTING, STATIONERY AND PUBLICATIONS

Government Central Press, 8th Mile, Mysore Road, R.V. College Post, Bengaluru -560 059. **Ph :** 080 28484515 / 28484518

No. DPS/PURB/TDRC/17/2024-PUR/MG &MF Dated:- 11-02-2025

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement)

Online Tenders are invited for the Supply of MG Kraft & MF Boards Under rate contract. Estimated total value of the Tender is about **Rs. 210.00 lakhs** & total EMD prescribed is **Rs. 10.50 Lakhs**. Pre-bid Meeting shall be on Date: **25-02-2025, 11.30 AM** & Last date for Submission of Tender on **12-03-2025, 17.30 hrs**. For details please visit Website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For any further clarifications the above office may be contacted.

DIPR/CP/4980/Zen/2024-25

Sd/-
Director (I/c)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(www.kpwd.gov.in)

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Special Division, Shivamogga Ph: 08182-222943
Email ID: spdivision@gmail.com

Short-term Tender Notification (Two-cover system) (Through KPP portal)

IFT No. 35/2024-25 Date: 10.02.2025

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply under head of account 5054-04-337-0-01-154 MDR Improvements Total-03 (Indent No. 18432, 19331 & 19017) & 5054-03-337-0-17-160 SH Renewal Total-01(Indent No. 19129) in Shivamogga tq, 5054-04-337-0-01-154 MDR Improvements Total-01 (Indent No. 19269) in Thirthahalli tq and 5054-04-337-0-01-154 MDR Improvements Total-02 (Indent No. 19528 & 18997) & 5054 03-337-0-17-160 SH Renewal Total-01(Indent No. 19253) in Bhadravathi tq for Maximum Amount put to tender is. **Rs.79.50 Lakhs**, Minimum Amount put to tender is. **Rs.78.72 Lakhs** & Maximum EMD amount is **Rs. 1.59 lakhs** & Minimum EMD amount is Rs.0.80 Time allowed for completion of work is 06 Months including Monsoon. The tenderers may submit tenders through KPPP- portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz., http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in).** The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section -2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from **10-02-2025 to 17-02-2025** Last date for Receipt of Tender is on **17-02-2025 at 17.00 PM**. The Technical bid will be opened on **18-02-2025 at 05.30 PM** onwards and Financial bid will be opened after **19-02-2025** Onwards. If there any changes in publication, it will be publishing through E-Procurement only. For more information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ./ಶಿ/ಸಂ.62–02/ ಥ್ರೋಂಕಾರ್/2024–25

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Special Division, Shivamogga

ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ

ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬಿ.ಹೆಚ್.ರಸ್ತೆ, ತುಮಕೂರು–572 103,

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ತುವಿ/ತಾವಿ/ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.02.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)–16

ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯವು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಜಾಲತಾಣ www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ
01	Tender for Renovation of Common Instrumentation and Audio-Video Facility Centre's at University College of Science, Tumkur University, Tumkur (Under RUSA)	60.00	17.02.2025
02	Proposed provision of Elevators to Academic Block -1 in Bidirakatte New Campus, Tumkur University, Tumkur. Call-3	77.00	17.02.2025
03	ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದ ಆಡಳಿತ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳು, ಘಟಕ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನ ನಿತ್ಯದ ಸ್ವಚ್ಚತಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಚ್ಚತಾ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ. Call-2	24.95	19.02.2025

ಸಹಿ/–ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು,
ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ತುಮಕೂರು

WESTERN RAILWAY

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/10/2025 Date 10.02.2025

S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
76	6 QUAD CABLE, 0.9 MM DIA	1047 KM	07-Mar-25
77	4 mm Dia Manual Metal Arc Welding Electrode, Class: A2 (Rutile type), Type	897170 Mtr	10-Mar-25
78	Motor suspension unit complete.	84 Nos	10-Mar-25
79	Stick type master controller	160 Nos	10-Mar-25
80	Combination High Viscous Nylon (HVN)-66 Insulating Liners	150000 Set	10-Mar-25
81	Inductive Shunt Assembly (SJ)	48 Nos	12-Mar-25
82	60 Kg 1 in 8.5 Over riding Right Hand Derailing Switches	150 Set	12-Mar-25
83	SUPPORT CLAMP FOR EP (LINE) CONTACTOR.	2571 Nos	19-Mar-25
84	Co-Co bogie frame	16 Set	21-Mar-25

CORRIGENDUM

Please read the quantity as "388600 Set" for the tender notice no. S-05-2025 dated:- 17.01.2025 at Sr. No. 38

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** and **www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in**

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SALE PROCLAMATION

FORM NO. 22 [See Regulation 37(1)]

PROCLAMATION OF SALE-CUM E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
(ISSUED UNDER RULE 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993, as amended)

DRC No. 14374 O.A.No. 260/2017

Between,
SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd., **- Certificate Creditor**
Vs
M/s. Balaji Steels & Others. **- Certificate Debtor**

To, **The Certificate Debtors : (1) M/s. Sri. Balaji Steels**, A Partnership firm, No.3, Mariyappa Complex, Ganapathi Nagar, Rajagopal Nagar Main Road, Peenya 3rd Phase, Bengaluru-560 058. **(2) Smt. Saritha Mishra** W/o. Sri Sanjay Mishra, **(3) Sri. Gopal Mishra,** S/o. Sri Chandrasekhar, Sl No. 2 & 3 Residing at: Flat No:1301, Block-I, 3rd Floor, "ANRIYA ATRIEUS" Apartments, 25th Cross, 5th Block, 1st Stage, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560 043. **(4) Sri. A. Mohammed Ismail** S/o. Sri. Abdul Gaffar, No: 724, 9th Main, 3rd Stage, Pillanna Garden extension. Bengaluru-560 045. **(5) Smt. R. Nusrath Gulzar,** W/o. A.M.Akbar, No: 15, 9th Main, 3rd Stage, Pillanna Garden Extension, Bengaluru-560 045. **(6) Shri. Abdul Subhan**, since deceased represented by his legal heir **(1) Mrs. Fathima Bi,** W/o. Late Abdul Subhan, **(2) Mrs. Rohina Kousar,** D/o. Late Abdul Subhan, **(3) Mrs. Abida Sulthana,** D/o. Late Abdul Subhan, **(4) Mr. Asgar Pasha,** S/o. Late Abdul Subhan, **(5) Mr. Thanher Pasha** S/o. Late Abdul Subhan, Sl No 6(1) to 6(5) Residing at: No.04, Western extension, Santepete, Tumkur 572101.

The Under mentioned property will be sold by "Online electronic bidding" through the website https://drt.auctiontiger.net on 05.03.2025 between 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 am for Recovery of an amount of **Rs.19,27,98,648.19** (Rupees Nineteen Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty Eight and paisa Nineteen Only) including costs and interest thereon as on 30.11.2023. Plus interest and other charges from 01.12.2023 till realization of debt as per Recovery Certificate No 14374 bearing OA No. 260/2017.

Date and Time of Auction	05.03.2025, between 11.30AM to 12.30 PM
Reserve Price	Rs. 62,10,000/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Ten Thousand Only).
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.6,21,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand Only)
Last Date and Time for Bids/ Tender Submission :	On or before 03.03.2025 (03.00PM)
Bid Increase amount	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only)

Schedule of Property: Residential Flat bearing No. 1301, in Block 1, on the Third Floor in **ANRIYA ATRIEUS APARTMENTS,** of all that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Byatarayanapur a CMC No. 708, Sy. No. 82, situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now within the purview of BBMP bounded on the : East by: Land bearing Sy. No.83 ; West by: Land bearing Sy. No.80; North by: Land bearing Sy. No.81; and South by: Road and Land bearing Sy. No. 79, Measuring 1515 square feet of Super Built up area with all civic amenities along with one reserved car park space in the basement, along with 6.327 % of undivided share of land, standing in the name of Smt. Saritha Mishra, wife of Sri Sanjay Mishra and Sri Gopal Mishra, son of Sri Chandrasekhar Mishra.

For Terms and Conditions of sale: visit website of M/s. e-procurement Technologies Limited-auction Tiger at the web portal (https://drt.auctiontiger.net). Detailed Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in website (https://drt.auctiontiger.net). or for any other assistance email to ramprasad@auctiontiger.net). Helpline No.: +91 6351896834,+91 079 61200559/531/584/569/598.

For further details contact: Mr. Sarathy Somiah, Divisional Manager, Legal and Recovery of SVC Co operative Bank Ltd., Regional Office at No.1, 2nd Floor, Central Bank Road, Chamrajpet Bengaluru- 560018.(Contact Land Line No: 080 71231027/28/29/32) Mobile No. 7022374310 or Suma Krishnakanth, Asst. Manager, Contact No : 9886124682.

Given under my hand and seal on this **07th Day of February 2025**

Date : 07-02-2025
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- (P.H.HEMANTH KUMAR, IRS)
Recovery Officer - 2, DRT - 1, Bengaluru

BENGALURU CO-OP. MILK UNION LTD., [BENGALURU DAIRY]

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E-mail Address bamultrust@gmail.com
Website : www.bamulnandini.coop, Phone : 080-26096295

TENDER No:KMF/2024-25/SE3200 Date : 11.02.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Bangalore Co-operative Milk Union Ltd. Bangalore-29 (BAMUL) invites Technical & Commercial Short Term e-Tender through e-procurement portal **(https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** for Insuring Cross-Breed Heifers / Cows / Local Cows / Buffaloes (without permanent total disability coverage) owned by Members of Milk Producers Co-Operative Societies affiliated to Bangalore Milk Union limited for a period of One year.

e-Procurement Tender's are invited from "Eligible IRDAI Registered General Insurance Companies" who deal with the Cattle Insurance coverage for a period of One year.

The details are mentioned here under :

A	Access to e-tender portal .	**From 12.02.2025 to 13.03.2025 up to 4.00 PM.**
B	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications.	**25.02.2025 up to 5.00 PM.**
C	Last Date & Time for Submission of tenders.	**13.03.2025 up to 4.00 PM.**
D	Date & Time for Opening of Technical Tender.	**14.03.2025 4.15 P M .**
E	Date & Time for Opening of Commercial Tender.	**17.03.2025 11.30 A M.**
F	Place of Opening of Technical and Commercial Tenders.	**Board Room Bangalore Co-operative Milk Union, Bengaluru-29.**

The details of the Tender Fees, EMD, Tender Terms & Conditions are available in e-procurement portal **(https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** for Verification.

Sd/- Managing Director
(Tender Inviting Authority),BAMUL

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West

Chitrapur Bhavan, 8th Main,
15th Cross Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055.

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / movable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Regional Office, West, Bengaluru** will be sold **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 28.02.2025 (11.00AM to 12:00 PM)** for recovery of **Rs.3,16,338.20** (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Eight Rupees and Twenty Paise only) as on **11.02.2025** and interest and other charges there on from **12.02.2025** due to **Canara Bank, Tumakuru Road Branch, Bengaluru** from **Borrower(s): 1. Smt. Ramalakshmi S** W/o Srinivas T, **2. Sri. Srinivasa T,** Both are residing at: #14, 2nd Cross, Hanumanthappa Colony, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru- 560020. **1a) Smt. Ramalakshmi S** W/o Srinivas T, **2A.)Sri. Srinivasa T, Both are residing at:** #423, KSCB Quarters, Jai Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Nandini Extn, Bengaluru.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under: The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of online through **BAANKNET Portal https://baanknet.com/on or before 27.02.2025 - 4.00 p.m.** **(Rs. in lakhs)**

Description of the immovable Property	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
All that piece and parcel of the 1BHK Residential Flat B30-304, Third Floor formed out of Sy No -113 having Super built up area of 33.526 Sqmts, situated at Alur, Off Huskur Main Road, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore 562123 in the name of Mrs Ramalakshmi S bounded on the: East by : Block No-30-303, West by : Flat No-B30-305, North by : Flat No-B30-301, South by : Passage	Rs. 6.11	Rs. 0.61	Rs. 5,000/-

Date & Time of Auction : 28.02.2025, 11.00 AM to 12:00 PM, Date of Sale Notice : 12.02.2025
Property Inspection Date : with prior appointment authorized officer, on or before 27.02.2025 from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM.
Place of Auction : Online. https://baanknet.com/
Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
Details of Auction service provider: BAANKNET (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Bengaluru (Contact No 8291220220) Email:Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com, Website: https://baanknet.com/
For further details Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, E-mail id roblrwrec@canarabank.com, cb0882@canarabank.com, Mob No.7022192698/7411509379/9483520882), OR the service provider BAANKNET (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Bengaluru (Contact No. 8291220220) E-mail:Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com may be contacted during office hours on any working day.
Note: All charges including property tax, Electricity charges, Water Bills and Maintenance charges etc if any and any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 12.02.2025
Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Government of Karnataka

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement portal only)
(Two Cover System: Section-1-Technical Bid and Section-2-Financial Bid)

Short Term Tender Notification No 22/2024-25 Dated:10.02.2025

Item rate tenders are invited through e-procurement portal only on behalf of Governer of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD, in Standard Bid document KW-3, form The Total no of works is 1, **H/A: 2059-80-053-4-00-200 Department Building** maximum estimated cost is Rs, 99.65 lakhs, Further changes in this Notification will be Published in E-Procurement Only. Date of events as follows:

1	Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the e-procurement portal	From 10.02.2025 to 18.02.2025 upto 16.00 Hrs.
2	Date & Time for opening of Technical bid	19.02.2025 after 16.00 Hrs.
3	Date & Time for opening of Financial bid	21.02.2025 after 16.00 Hrs

More information can be had from the web site: **https://www.Kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & Any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.

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Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: EE(E)/TL&SS/DBP/2024-25/2412 Date: 11.02.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites following office tender pertaining to Operations Division, Doddaballapura.

(1) For Arresting of oil leakage in cooling pump, rewinding of cooling pump and replacement of terminal connectors of 100MVA power transformer-2 at 220/66kV NRS DBpura in Operations Division, Doddaballapura. **(2)** For Repair and reconditioning of 66kV Bus PT at 66/11kV Chikkaballapura IA in Operations Division, Doddaballapura. **(3)** For supply and fixing of numerical non directional relay- 2nos for 11kV feeder to 66/11kV Devanahalli S/s in Operations Division, Doddaballapura. **(4)** For supply of maintenance materials at various stations in CBpura nodal center (station wise will be floated). **(5)** For stationary books for FY-24-25 in Operations Division office technical & Accounts section, Doddaballapura. **(6)** Refilling of various types of fire extinguishers at 220/66/11kV R/s BIAL Begur. **(7)** Supply of stationaries and registers at various 220kV stations & Division office coming under BIAL BEGUR division. **(8)** Supply of log books to various 66/11kV stations coming under Ekarajapura nodal center Hosakote coming under BIAL BEGUR. **(9)** For Supply of various types of maintenance materials at 66/11kV Budigere coming under Operations BIAL BEGUR. **(10)** Supply of 03 nos. of 11kV outdoor 1200-800/1-1-1A current transformers to 66/11kV S/s, Jadigenahalli coming under Operations BIAL BEGUR. **(11)** For supply/repair of 11kV capacitor cell to 66/11kV Gundamgere S/s in Division, Doddaballapura. **(12)** For Repair of OLTC drive mechanism of 12.5MVA of power transformer-2 (EMCO make) at 66/11kV Tubgere S/s, in Division, Doddaballapura. **(13)** For Repair of OLTC drive mechanism of 12.5MVA of power transformer-1 (NGEF make) at 66/11kV Gundamgere S/s, in Division, Doddaballapura. (14) Refilling of various types of fire extinguishers at 220/66/11kV KIADB DBpura. **(15)** Supply of stationaries and registers at nodal center -1 in Operations division, Gowribidanur. **(16)** Supply of stationaries and registers at nodal center -2 and technical section in Operations division, Gowribidanur. **(17)** Overhauling of 220V DC battery set at 220kV NRS Doddaballapura. **(18)** Supply of LC boards and name boards at CBpura nodal center. **(19)** Supply of LC boards and name boards at KIADB nodal center. **(20)** Supply of various types of clamps at 400/220kV Devanahalli Hardware park. **(21)** Replacement (supply and fixing) of faulty electromechanical backup relays by numerical directional relay for 20MVA power transformer -2 at 220/66/11kV R/s Gowribidanur. **(22)** Supply of 9 nos of surge counters to 66kV line power transformer-1 & 2 at 220/66/11kV R/s Gowribidanur. **(23)** Replacement (supply and fixing) of faulty differential MIB202 by differential numerical relay at 66/11kV Gudibande. **(24)** Replacement (supply & fixing) of faulty numerical differential by new differential numerical relay (supply & fixing) at 66/11kV Somenahalli. Enquiry details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned **from 14.02.205 at 10:00 Hrs onwards.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (El), Operations Division, KPTCL, T.B. Circle, Chikkaballapura Road, Doddaballapura-561 203.

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JAN INFLATION AT 5-MONTH LOW OF 4.3%

Retail inflation was 4.31% last month, down from 5.1% recorded in Jan 2024

INFLATION FALLS FOR THIRD STRAIGHT MONTH

Consumer Price Index-based retail inflation is the lowest since August's figure of 3.65%. After touching 6.21% in October, it has fallen consistently. Inflation in the food basket fell to 6.02% in January, down from 8.02% in the year-ago month

54.2% was the year-on-year inflation in coconut oil price in JAN 2024

3.2% industrial production growth in December 2024, down from 4.4% growth recorded a year earlier

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Tough bill to curb illegal immigration

MUKESH RANJAN @New Delhi

A draft legislation with more teeth to curb illegal immigration is likely to be introduced in Parliament in the second leg of the ongoing Budget session. Called the Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025, it has provisions of a jail term of up to seven years for any person who uses a fake passport or arranges for someone's illegal entry into India.

The bill also puts the onus on transport carriers to remove any foreigner denied entry into the country and empowers the immigration officer to arrest such individuals without an arrest warrant.

The draft bill seeks to replace four existing laws – The Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920, Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939, Foreigners Act, 1946 and Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act, 2000.

Quoting the contents of the draft bill, a source said, "any foreigner whose entry has been refused shall be handed over to the transport carrier by the Immigration Officer and it shall be the responsibility of that carrier to ensure his removal from India without delay."

It also has provisions to slap a penalty of ₹2-5 lakh on erring carriers. If a carrier fails to pay the penalty, it could be seized or detained.

Sources said universities, medical colleges, hospitals and private residences will be made responsible for providing information about foreigners residing on their premises.

Modi, Macron firm up plans to take strategic cooperation to next level

India, France to jointly develop N-reactors, AI

JAYANTH JACOB @New Delhi

INDIA and France on Wednesday decided to strengthen their strategic partnership as Prime Minister Narendra Modi sat down with French President Emmanuel Macron to firm up plans to bolster cooperation in nuclear energy and artificial intelligence (AI).

Both countries will join hands to develop small modular reactors (SMRs) as well as advanced modular reactors (AMRs). New Delhi and Paris will also work together to develop safe, secure and trustworthy AI. France has already announced plans to invest 110 billion euros in AI.

Modi and Macron agreed to enhance cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region with a joint declaration of intent for 'triangular development' to support the economic growth of countries in the region.

The two leaders also visited Marseille—the second-most populous French city after Paris—where Macron hosted a private dinner for Modi. There they jointly inaugurated India's Consulate General and toured the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) facility.

"The area of SMRs and AMRs has come up in more recent times, but has progressed quite quickly and the reason that you see a letter of intent is because both countries feel that there are real possibilities in taking this forward in the very near future," Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri told reporters during a briefing in Marseille.

Misri said the demand for SMRs and AMRs has been identified as crucial, as AI will require vast amounts of electricity. "The amount of electricity that will be needed, if it is going to be sustainable, then it has to be something like nuclear power-driven electricity. That is the area in which SMRs and AMRs can play a key role," the foreign secretary added.

As for the trilateral cooperation, India and France will look to deliver projects in third countries "by seeing how we can leverage our respective strengths and our capabilities, whether it is in terms of financial support or technical collaboration or capacity-building collaboration," Misri said.

The bilateral roadmap on AI envisions that the norms reflect democratic values and promote human development.

10,000
Indian students expected to study in France in 2025; number to go up to 30,000 by 2030

PRIME MINISTER **NARENDRA MODI'S** VISIT TO FRANCE FROM FEB 10-12 WAS HIS SIXTH VISIT TO THE COUNTRY IN 10 YEARS

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Nuclear energy to be a major component of India's energy mix
- India, France to jointly develop Small Modular Reactors and Advanced Modular Reactors
- India and France to join hands to develop ethical AI
- France to support India's bid for permanent UNSC membership
- India opens consulate in Marseille; the decision to to do so announced in July 2023
- Both sides reached understanding on 'triangular development cooperation' to provide financial support and technical collaboration to implement projects in third countries across the Indo-Pacific
- Pact signed between Department of Science and Tech and Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique to establish the Indo-French Center for the Digital Sciences

Pre-poll freebies creating a class of parasites: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday criticised the practice of political parties giving freebies ahead of the elections, saying it has made people unwilling to work.

A bench of Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih said people were not willing to work as they were getting free ration and money.

It was hearing a plea concerning the right to shelter of homeless persons in urban areas. "Rather than promoting them to be a part of the mainstream of the society by contributing to the development of the nation, are we not creating a class of parasites?" the bench asked.Prashant Bhushan, appearing for one of the petitioners, said there was hardly anybody in the country who did not want to work, if they had work. To this, Justice Gavai said, "You must be having only one-sided knowledge. Because of the freebies in Maharashtra, which they just announced prior to the elections, agriculturists are not getting labourers."

During the hearing, one of the petitioners alleged that providing shelter to the homeless is last on the government's priority list. When the petitioner claimed the authorities showed compassion only for the rich, the court expressed its displeasure. "Don't make a speech of Ramlila Maidan in this court," Justice Gavai told the petitioner. "Don't make a political speech here. We won't permit our courtrooms to be converted into a (place of) political battle," Justice Gavai said.

Guv gives nod to microfin ordinance

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TWO days after the state government resubmitted the Karnataka Micro Finance (Prevention of Coercive Actions) Ordinance 2025, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot approved it on Wednesday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah posted on X that the Ordinance will come into effect immediately.

The governor had advised the government to introduce the Bill in the coming budget session and pass it after a thorough discussion. Under the Ordinance, violators can be tried and punished by the Judicial Magistrate First Class. They may be sentenced up to 10 years' imprisonment and ordered to pay a fine up to Rs 5 lakh. The offences under the Ordinance are cognisable and non-bailable. P7

Montek: 8% growth yrs away, structural transformation of economy needed

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

Economist and former deputy chairman of Planning Commission Montek Singh Ahluwalia has said that it would take a few years for India to try to get to 8% growth and a structural transformation of its economy needs to be brought about to achieve that.

"The important thing is: 'Are we willing to do what is necessary?' That is difficult. What's happening is we are conducting discussions based on slogans... what we are not saying is 'what specifically we are willing to do?'" he told *TNIE* on the sidelines of the four-day 'Invest Karnataka 2025' event that kicked off in Bengaluru on Tuesday evening.

Economist Montek Singh Ahluwalia at Invest Karnataka 2025 in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Speaking at a session, 'Resilient Pathways: Charting India's Economic Growth Amid Global Challenges', he said as part of the structural transformation of the economy "some sectors will get phased out, and some businesses will get phased out." P7

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Reduce hike: Cong MLA

Karnataka Mahila Congress president and former MLA Soumya Reddy and KPCC General Secretary met BMRCL MD and submitted a plea calling for a reduction in the steep Metro fare hike. The plea said, "A public consultation needs to be carried out first." The memo also charged that the BJP was spreading lies that the Centre had asked the state to reduce the hike being effected but it was refusing to do it.

'Wrong slabs for stns led to steep Metro fare hike'

Kilometre-based fare structure started in 2017

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

METRO commuters continue to demand a rollback of the steep increase in fare with countless individuals reiterating the hike has not shot up by an average of 46% but almost or more than double the fare.

Meanwhile, Metro officials are also clueless as to what was going wrong with the high fares being charged for different trips as they reiterate that the maximum hike cannot overshoot 50 percent.

Internal analysis revealed that the casual slotting of stations in different slabs by rounding off kilometres in the past was the reason for the present chaos. A source revealed, "The fare fixation committee has slotted the slabs with even a 0.1 km taken into consideration. For instance, in the past, a station with 10.2 km was placed in the 10 km slab. Now it falls in the next slab. Hence, in addition to the hike introduced, those commuting to this station will have an added hike as it moves up the slab structure. What we have done now is actually the accurate slab in which it needs to be slotted." Another official said, "When we launched Metro in 2011, there were few stations to reckon with. So under the Metro Act, BMRCL fixed the fare based on the addition of stations. It was only in 2017 after the launch of Phase-I that we created the km-based fare structure."

This reporter travelled from Cubbon Park Metro station to Swami Vivekananda Metro station on Monday and the fare came to Rs 36. The previous fare was just Rs 19. A senior Metro official said there is some error as the revised fare needs to be Rs 30 only!

BMRCL MD Maheshwar Rao said, "We are trying to analyse what is happening. It will take us a couple of days to understand the right picture." He also said BMRCL would have a rethink on the discount removed on the purchase of QR tickets due to public demand.

The Metro network suffered a ridership dip of 42,000 on the first working day of Monday (February 10) after the fare hike was introduced. A comparative analysis of the ridership on all Mondays in 2025 reveals that this is the lowest ridership for a Monday barring Jan 13 when it was Makara Sankranti.

The ridership on Tuesday was 7,78,774. Ridership during the previous Tuesday (Feb 4) was 8,58,417. Loss in patronage is 79,643 riders.

3 DAYS TO STUDY GBA BILL IS INJUSTICE, RUE RWAs

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) three-day public consultation about the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Bill across eight zones has come under flak from activists, resident welfare associations and urban experts, who say it is "injustice" to not give sufficient time to discuss such an important Bill.

Vijayan Menon, president of Citizens' Action Forum, dubbed the consultation process a farce. "Consultation is just for namesake. Citizens were not informed in advance about public consultation on such an important subject. The duration of consultation is insufficient," he said.

Launching a scathing attack on BBMP and the lawmakers' panel on GBA, Sandeep Anirudhan, convener, Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru, said, "Is that enough time for citizens to study a volume of information and provide feedback? To study nearly 200 pages of legalese, understand the constitutional framework for urban governance, Nagarpalika Act 1992 (74th Amendment), the Model Municipal Law, Urban and Regional Development Plans Formulation and Implementation Guidelines, Policy Option Papers for framing municipal laws, etc, consider case studies and benchmarks worldwide,

and offer suggestions and objections? What the government is unable to do in 32 years, it is hoping citizens will do in two days."

He added that the government loves to brag that Bengaluru is the IT capital, but why can't it put up a public portal disclosing all aspects of consultation, publish suggestions and objections, and mention if they are accepted or rejected, and cite explanations? The government needs to ensure transparent public consultation.

Anand BV, former member of the State Policy & Planning Commission, welcomed the GBA as a concept but seeks more clarity on the part of functionality. In the original bill, there is too much emphasis on ward committees rather than "Integrated ward detailed planning". The best aspect is the mayor is to be directly elected, emphasis on prudent financial management reforms of municipal funds, and more role of urban planners. However, the argument that controlled development will be realised in 3-4 decades if the GBA Bill is introduced, is a wrong notion.

He said the saddest part about Bengaluru's administration is there is no Master Plan since 2015, making Bengaluru an orphan city. He said the master plan was published in 2005, anticipating a development period till 2015. "There is no Master Plan for Bengaluru beyond 2015 for the last one decade. Even hundreds of roads proposed in the 2005 Master Plan are encroached on and not yet opened up. Without real time master plans, how can controlled development be achieved? This is one of the reasons for the rise in unauthorised colonies. The only saving grace is that a Task Force for BMRDA region was promulgated to curtail the growth of unauthorised colonies."

13th Kumbh Mela

Devotees take a holy dip at Triveni Sangam in T Narsipur near Mysuru on Wednesday. The site is at the confluence of the Cauvery, Kapila and the mythical Spatika Sarovara | UDAYASHANKAR S

Maulvis warn youths to behave on Shaban

Bengaluru: With the Muslim festival of Shaban falling on Thursday, scholars, leaders and maulvis held special sermons in over 400 masjids across Bengaluru, and issued warning that police would be informed in case of wrongful assembly, and performing dangerous acts like wheelies. Syed Ashraf, philanthropist and former political secretary of former prime minister VP Singh, said popping wheelies on roads and flyovers is not only harmful to those doing the stunts but also to other motorists. "We will call the police and get FIRs registered," said Ashraf. He said communication has been sent to the community across Bengaluru, to inform local police if they see gangs roaming around at night during prayers. Chief priest of Jamia Masjid, City Market, Maqsood Imran Rashadi said since last week, sermons have been given and appeals made to youngsters not to indulge in performing wheelies, triple riding or be a public nuisance. "Roaming around in gangs, making a noise and disturbing members of other religions cannot be tolerated as this brings a bad name to the community. Elders are advised to discipline their youths and boys at home, or face the consequences," he said.

'Huge royalty, ban on Chinese visas dented granite industry'

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA may soon have a dedicated R&D centre in Chamarajanagar district for skill training of personnel for granite mining. "We have requested the state government to allot two acres of land in Chamarajanagar for the R&D centre, and they have agreed in principle," said Federation of Indian Granite and Stone Industry (FIGSI) president Krishna Prasad, during the inauguration of 'STONA 25' in the city on Wednesday. He added that the industry has been going through a grind for the last decade on account of multiple reasons, and is banking on the new Central and state mining policies.

"High royalty on granite, ban on Chinese visas and closure of around 300 mines because of the old mining policy has come as a huge setback to the industry," said Prasad. China, he said, was the "biggest market for granite from Karnataka, but now exports to the eastern neighbour have stopped after the ban on visas post the Covid-19 pandemic. This has adversely impacted our business. We are now looking at Eastern Europe for exports. Around 200-300 mines are closed for the decade because of the old industrial policy, and a similar number of lease applications are pending before the government for renewal for more than 10 years," he said.

Ironically, Karnataka, which is known for the best quality black granite in the world, ranks fourth in granite mining in India after Rajasthan, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. "In Rajasthan, royalty on all stones is Rs 265 per tonne, in Karnataka the government has levied royalty ranging between Rs 600 and Rs 2,000 per tonne," added Prasad.

He said that sustainability and environmental guidelines are being strictly followed. "On our request, the state government has allowed us to dump mining waste within a 3-km radius of the quarries. This can be sold anytime on payment of royalty. Till such time, the government is the custodian of the waste. We hope a similar rule will be implemented in other states because earlier, we were dumping mining waste in quarries, which affected movement of miners and mining activity," the FIGSI president said.

Minister of State for Commerce & Industries, Rajasthan, Krishan Kumar Vishnoi, while inaugurating STONA 2025, said "it is time we encouraged 'Make in India' and Indian youth and offer them more opportunities, improve their skills and eventually grow the stone and granite industry from Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 1,00,000 crore. Today, upgradation of technology has made processing of stones very efficient".

Suggesting that FIGSI look into various aspects of global development in terms of technology intervention, processing of waste generated at quarrying sites through research and development in their Centres of Excellence, he added, "This will bring in value-addition and provide skill sets to labour associated with the natural stone industry."

The 16th edition of the biannual STONA, the third largest international stone fair, is host to over 3,500 stalls with country pavilions from 18 countries. The stone fair has a special set of stalls, Shilpgram, where around 25 artisans from across the country have put up stalls showcasing their skills and wares.

BIFFes to feature over 200 films from 60 countries

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THE 16th edition of the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) will feature over 200 films from around 60 countries. The film festival, under the theme 'Universal Peace in Diversity', begins on March 1.

Chairman of the festival core committee and Secretary to the Department of Information and Public Relations, BB Cauvery, said that BIFFes will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, along with renowned film personalities, in front of Vidhana Soudha on the evening of March 1.

BIFFes will also showcase contemporary world cinema from over 60 countries and feature various sections.

Cauvery further said that the closing ceremony will be presided over by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on March 8.

Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy president Sadhu Kokila said that film academic programmes, including interactive sessions, seminars, workshops, and master classes by experts from the film, and technology industries will be conducted daily.

On March 3, there will be five sessions on 'The Rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Filmmaking'. Additionally, it is planned to recreate the old-style film-watching experience with tent shows, though the venue has not yet been confirmed and there are plans to introduce short films in competition categories, Kokila added.

As on February 12, 136 films have been confirmed for screening under various categories, with only five Kannada films selected for the festival. A total of 14 films will be screened in the Kannada Cinema Competition, including films in the Tulu and Kodava languages. Renowned Polish director Krzysztof Kielowski's six films, in Polish and French, will be screened, along with six films by acclaimed Indian director Shyam Benegal.

EXPRESS READ

Punjab National Bank hosts home loan expo

Bengaluru: Punjab National Bank hosted the PNB Home Loan Expo on Saturday at Chandra Sagara Kalyana Mantapa in Jayanagar. The expo showcased PNB's digital home loan solutions, offering instant online approvals and competitive interest rates starting at 8.40%. The event was attended by Ashok Chandra, MD and Chief Executive Officer, PNB, Bengaluru. "We are delighted to launch the expo, which aims to simplify the home-buying process for our customers. Our goal is to provide a one-stop platform where homebuyers can explore various options, receive expert guidance, and enjoy exclusive benefits," he said.

'Startup Sparks: A Fireside Chat with Innovators' event held

Bengaluru: REVA Nest, the incubation hub of REVA university, hosted 'Startup sparks: A Fireside Chat with Innovators' on Friday. The event featured a discussion with Puran Singh, Chief Mentor at IIT Mandi's Incubation Centre, alongside a cohort of emerging startup founders. The session provided a platform for budding entrepreneurs to explore the realities of the startup ecosystem, share experiences, and gain insights into their entrepreneurial journeys. The event primarily catered to student incubatees and pre-incubatees of REVA Nest, offering them an opportunity to interact directly with startup founders.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

13TH February: Yesterday I mentioned that Capricorn is a sign of spiritual rebirth. The reason is that in the ancient world people associated it with the transition from darkness to light, pointing to a rise in wisdom and enlightenment. Of course, only some people get to this point, but everyone can be more aware of their place in the universe.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
For the second day running your emotional alignments are strong, something which you never find easy mainly because feelings can be such messy things. It's all a question of relaxing into it, accepting whatever happens. 'Go with the flow', as they say!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your natural instinct for self-preservation is boosted by two very helpful aspects to Venus, the planet which represents your emotional needs and desires. Your intellect and instincts should be functioning as one, so your judgment could be impeccable - hopefully!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You must get your priorities right. First among these is the need to co-operate with other people, whether at work or at home. It therefore follows that you should be as charming as possible. You must be a good listener for that's one of the best ways to see to it that others do take you seriously.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Not everything works out as expected, but then what would life be like if everything went according to plan? Pretty boring, probably. Bear this reassuring and simple truth in mind over the coming days as partners, loved ones and colleagues start to play up.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
This is a time for realism. You should accept that errors have occurred and that you'll soon be in a position to work out who was responsible and why. There is no need to apportion blame, only to prevent the same errors being repeated. In fact, if you learn from your mistakes you will deserve praise.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You ought to be able to ensure that partners are never again in a position to force your hand. However, whether such an aim is realistic is another matter. Probably the best you can do is state your case and attempt to win them over to your way of thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You may be under some extra pressure at the moment, but it's all friendly. You are being urged to be more outgoing, confident in your ideas and public with your feelings. At all times, come back to the central requirement - the development of your unique talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
People you live with can be very difficult to pin down. Sometimes you wonder what they actually want! As it happens, somebody close should soon alter direction, lifting a burden from your mind. Emotionally, professionally and personally, all the pieces of the jigsaw should now be beginning to fall into place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There may be few individuals who are genuinely happy with recent discussions and agreements. This is partly because your latent perfectionism is coming out, so you can try to see such discontent as very useful, encouraging the desire to do better next time round.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You can't stay as you are for ever - neither do you want to. If new routines or methods are to be accepted, it must be with an option for change in the near future. The point is that it is only when you put your plans into practice that you'll identify the pitfalls.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Secret, hidden or suppressed feelings are once again bubbling over. You should be aware that, even if your behaviour has been impeccable, others could still be annoyed or envious. That may be their responsibility rather than yours, although you might have to sort them out and restore commonsense.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You still have all your wits about you, thank goodness. In fact you may be able to see sense where other people are completely confused. The only thing bothering you may be a long-distance affair, or even a family connection which is stretching the limits of your affections.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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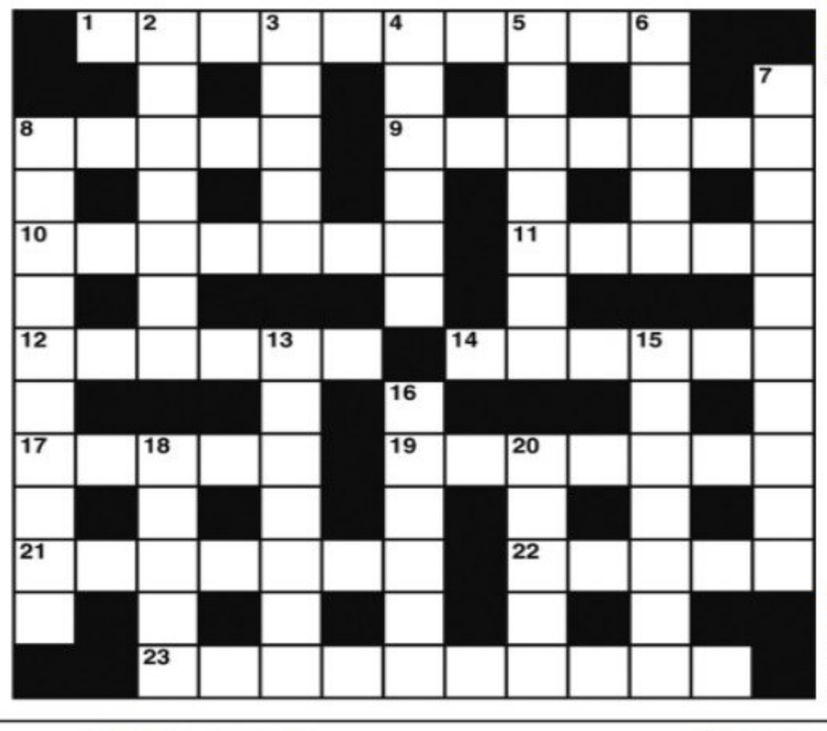

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Present-day churchman has to manage (10)
8 Artist who is male and French (5)
9 Accurately defined new recipes (7)
10 Very short measure - examination is abandoned (7)
11 Snide sort of chap (5)
12 Edison redefines being in a legal position (6)
14 Ran fast when bombarded (6)
17 Those in trouble show spirit (5)
19 A doctor appears in fast time - that's brilliant! (7)
21 Caterer involved in domestic row (7)
22 One who gets up some enterprise recklessly (5)
23 Timekeeper is little help (6,4)

DOWN
2 Monday's arrangement for current suppliers (7)
3 In the meantime I'm after this (5)
4 Transfix politician caught in a lie that's absurd (6)
5 Vaguely related to part of a lathe (7)
6 Rule that holds George initially in check (5)
7 Dreadful Swedenriot is a job for top journalist (4,6)
8 Home building team on site (10)
13 Poor Dad is in contempt (7)
15 Deranged senator gives great offence (7)
16 Notwithstanding it's a vestment with back fastening (6)
18 Her ma strayed into the women's quarters (5)
20 A month in advance (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Scarce, 4 Defend, 9 Unearth, 10 Taboo, 11 Tempi, 12 Papyrus, 13 Take your bow, 18 Burglar, 20 Below, 22 Award, 23 Accused, 24 Slewed, 25 Enjoin.

Down: 1 Shunts, 2 Abeam, 3 Cordite, 5 Estop, 6 Embargo, 7 Drowsy, 8 Shop doorway, 14 Acreage, 15 Rubicon, 16 E-boats, 17 Sweden, 19 Lodge, 21 Lasso.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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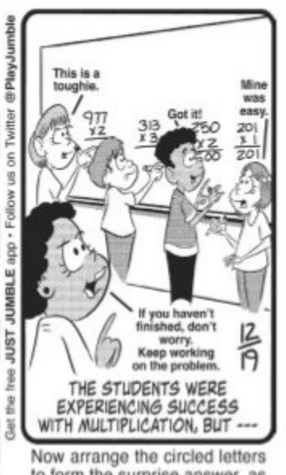
This is a toughie.
Got it!
Mine was easy.
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313 x 3
750 ÷ 2 ÷ 5 ÷ 5
201 x 1 ÷ 201
If you haven't finished, don't worry. Keep working on the problem.
12/9
THE STUDENTS WERE EXPERIENCING SUCCESS WITH MULTIPLICATION, BUT ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FLOWN SLOSH STOCKY FIASCO
Answer: The wintry weather turned the food-tasting contest into a — "CHILLY" COOKOFF

A 24-year-old woman died after she consumed pesticide at her residence in Basava Gangothri near Kengeri on Friday. The deceased has been identified as DN Chandana. Police said that her husband Madhu Kumar, a driver, had taken loans from finance firms. To clear his debts, he along with his parents used to harass Chandana to pay a dowry of Rs 20 lakh. A case has been registered against the accused

WOMAN DROWNS IN HUSKUR LAKE, FRIEND ALLEGES HONOUR KILLING

A day before death father assaulted deceased, opposed her relationship

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 21-year-old woman was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Huskur Lake in Hebbagodi on the outskirts of the city on Monday.

R Sahana, a resident of Harohalli near Hosur, reportedly drowned in the lake between 12.30 pm and 1 pm.

Sahana's boyfriend Nithin, in his statement, alleged that it was a case of honour killing as her parents opposed their relationship. Police arrested her father Ramamurthy, 52, a handloom employee, and released him on station bail.

Sahana was riding pillion with her father, who reportedly lost control over his two-wheeler on the lake bund. They both fell into the lake with the two-wheeler. Ramamurthy, however, swam to safety. He then went to the local police station and filed a complaint.

The incident occurred hours after Sahana's parents learnt that she was in love with Nithin. She insisted that she will marry Nithin and not her relative, who her father wanted her to marry.

Nithin alleged that Ramamurthy murdered Sahana by pushing her into the lake and it was a case of honour killing.

Nithin told reporters on Tuesday that he was in love with Sahana and her parents learnt this just two days ago. On Sunday night, Ramamurthy telephoned Nithin and asked him to come to his friend's house in Hebbagodi. During the meeting, Ramamurthy assaulted Sahana, opposing her relationship with Nithin. But Sahana insisted that she will marry Nithin and not her relative. Ramamurthy is alleged to have said that he will not allow Sahana to marry Nithin at any cost. Nithin's mother also tried to convince Ramamurthy to allow his daughter to marry her son.

Ramamurthy left his friend's house with Sahana, stating that he needs some time to take a decision. The incident occurred the same day.

"The accused, after his arrest, claimed that he did not sleep on Sunday night after learning that his daughter was in love with Nithin. Due to lack of sleep, he could not ride his two-wheeler properly and lost control over it. He and Sahana fell into the lake along with the two-wheeler," said a police officer.

Hebbagodi police have registered a case of causing death by negligence.

> **The accused, after his arrest, claimed that he did not sleep on Sunday night after learning that his daughter was in love with Nithin. Due to lack of sleep, he could not ride his two-wheeler properly and lost control over it** - Police officer

Work from car lands techie in soup

Bengaluru: The RT Nagar traffic police fined a woman for working on her laptop while driving a car. Police sources said that an undated video went viral on social media two days ago, showing a woman working on her laptop while driving in RT Nagar police station limits. After analysing the car's number plate, the police identified the woman and called her to the police station. On Wednesday morning, she was fined Rs 1,000 for rash and negligent driving, the police said.

HC refuses to quash cheating case against its employee

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court refused to quash criminal proceedings against its employee N Venkatesh and his family members for allegedly cheating a 68-year-old woman after receiving Rs 1.5 crore as a loan. Justice M Nagaprasanna rejected all four separate petitions filed by Venkatesh and three of his family members, questioning the complaint registered by Y Sandhya, a housewife residing in Jayanagar III Block in 2021.

The complaint narrates details of the transaction and prima facie projects wrongdoing. The court noted that the transaction between the accused and the complainant would seem to be a money transaction and thereafter, it is for the purpose of purchase of a site belonging to the complainant. The complainant has stated that she was lured into selling the property and today she neither has the property nor the money, as the registration documents are allegedly forged, the court added.

EXPRESS READ

Man attempts to kill wife, puts adhesive in her mouth

Bengaluru: A 35-year-old man was arrested by the Madanayakanahalli police for attempting to kill his wife by putting an adhesive in her mouth and strangling her at their house on Sunday night. Assuming she had died when she fell unconscious, the accused Siddalingaswamy called the police, informing them about the incident. However, the police found her still breathing and shifted her to a hospital where she is undergoing treatment. The victim Manjula (32) is a resident of Harokethanahalli near Kadabagere Cross. Siddalingaswamy, who works at a private firm on Tumakuru Road, often suspected his wife's fidelity and picked fights with her. The accused was arrested and remanded in judicial custody. A case of attempt to murder was registered under section 109 of BNS.

Girl jumps from 20th floor when asked to study

Bengaluru: A 15-year-old girl jumped to death from the 20th floor of a residential apartment in Kadugodi Police Station limits on Wednesday morning. The deceased Avantika Chaurasia was a class ten student at a private school. A resident of Kannamangala and a native of Madhya Pradesh, Avantika jumped from the 20th floor of Assetz Marq Apartments at 11:30 am. Sources said that when Avantika was talking on her phone, her mother scolded her for not focusing on her upcoming SSLC exams. Upset, she went to her room and jumped from the window. No death note was found and a case of unnatural death has been registered. The body has been sent for postmortem.

Lokayukta cops arrest two for accepting bribe

Bengaluru: District Registrar of Stamps and Registration in Ramanagara, Sridevi, and Kiran DR, a private individual working in her office, were arrested by Lokayukta police for allegedly accepting a bribe to issue a certified copy of a gift deed. The complainant Sumanth Gowda from Thoutanahalli in Channapatna taluk of Ramanagara district approached Lokayukta police after the accused demanded a bribe of Rs 33,000. This was despite Gowda having already paid the prescribed stamp duty, registration charges, and penalty for obtaining the certified copy of the gift deed executed by his grandmother.

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Sd-/
Jyoti A. Katti
Legal Officer
Belagavi

Place: Belagavi
Date:10/02/2025

BALLARI CITY CORPORATION, BALLARI

No: BCC/Eng/T.N./2024-25 Date: 07.02.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP)

The Commissioner Ballari City Corporation, Ballari invites Tender as per the KTPP Act 1999-2000 through KPPP portal for year 2024-25 15th Finance Tied schemes for Indent No. 1) DMA/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT 31456/Call-2 can participate in the tender for more information Tender documents last date for submission of tender through KPP portal on or before 10.03.2025 at 17.30 Hours. Transaction fee & EMD should be remitted in the KPP Portal, Government of Karnataka: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in For any further details contact this office e-mail ID: bellarycommissioner@yahoo.co.in

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Commissioner
Ballari City Corporation
Ballari

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC that my clients **(1) Smt.Shobha.S,** wife of Purushotham.R, aged about 34 years, No.870, Krupa Nilaya, 6th main Road, D Group layout, S.G.Kaval, Bangalore-560091 (Aadhaar No.4717 2599 2534) and **(2) Sri.Sridhar,** son of Nagaraju, aged about 40 years, No.34 A/b, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, Kaveri Layout, Near Sunshine School, Yellukunte, Bommanahalli post, Bangalore-560068 (Aadhaar No.7391 8471 6449) is intending to purchase the schedule property more fully described below from Sri.K.C.Ashwatha, son of S. Kannaiah

Any person/s claiming any manner of right, title and interest over the schedule property are called upon to lodge such claim/s or objection/s with the undersigned in writing with supporting documents **within 7 (Seven) days** from the date of this publication. If no such objections or claims are received within the said period, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property and the claims received after the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Site No.844, intermediate formed by ITI Employees Housing Co-operative Society Ltd, BBMP Khatha Sl.No.4406, BBMP property No.844, BBMP PID No.844, BBMP E Khatha PID No.2152932926, situated at Yellukunte village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 square feet, or 133.33 square yards, and bounded on the

East by : Site No.878 and 879 **West by :** Road
North by : Site No.845 **South by:** Site No.843

Bengaluru Date: 12-02-2025

H. M. Mohan Advocate
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STATE BANK OF INDIA
GIRINAGAR III PHASE (16222), #178, G M PLAZA, AVALAHALLI MAIN ROAD, GIRINAGAR, BSK 3RD STAGE, BANGALORE-560085, Email: sbi.16222@sbi.co.in, Tel No: 080-25943777, Fax: 080-25943778

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

A/C No: 41233419840

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, , Girinagar III Phase Branch (16222) Girinagar, Bengaluru,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued a **Demand Notice Dated: 19.11.2024 & Published In Newspaper on 27.11.2024,** calling upon the **Borrower : M/S: G.N. Infratech, Partners: 1. Mr. Puneeth N Gowda S/o Nanjundegowda Gowda, & 2. Mrs. Shashikala H, W/o Puneeth N Gowda, No. 12, Rayan Nivas, 1st Cross, Next to Coffee Board Lay Out, Mariyannapalya, Bengaluru 560024,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 2,41,77,357/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty-one Lakh Seventy-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-Seven Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/Guarantor/ Mortgager having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/ Mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, **on this the 11th day of February of the year 2025**

The borrowers/Guarantor/ Mortgager in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount **Rs. 2,37,65,124 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Seven Lakh Sixty Five Thousand one Hundred Twenty Four Only) as on 07.02.2025 and interest from 08.02.2025 & Charges thereon.,** till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

1. All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Site No. 634, of the BDA Registered Document No. CMP-1-04183-2022-23, Situated at Dr. Shivaram karanth Road, Hanumanthanagar Municipal No 99, now in the limits of BBMP Ward No 52, New Ward No 155, of Hanumanthanagar Ward, Bangalore having PID No. 52-47-99, With the Commercial Building Measuring- East to West: 61 feet & North to South: (52+54/2) in the total 3233 sqft. and bounded on the. **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No. 540, **North by:** Site No. 635, **South by:** Road.

2. All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing site No 274 & 275, Registered Document No. RJN-1-02319-2022-23, Situated at Shivanahalli 1st Stage, 2nd Phase Extension, Measuring- East to West: 39 feet & North to South: 60 feet, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether or above the surface along with residential building with all the amenities and now comes in the limits of BBMP PID No. 15-45-274 & 275 and bounded on the: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No. 287 & 288, **North by:** Site No. 273, **South by:** Site No. 276.

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'ENERGY, ENERGY, ENERGY'
RAJNATH HAILS INDIA'S DEFENCE BOOM

Calls Aero India 2025 unmatched, historic, says it reflects confidence, ambition of def sector

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

"ENERGY, energy, energy"— that's how Defence Minister Rajnath Singh described Aero India 2025, India's premier air show, as he highlighted the country's rapid transformation in the defence sector.

Speaking at the indigenisation event and valedictory of Aero India 2025 in Yelahanka, Rajnath said that India's defence industry is witnessing exponential growth, with homegrown fighter jets, missile systems, and naval vessels strengthening national security while drawing global attention.

He described the scale of Aero India as "unmatched and historic," highlighting the enthusiasm of Indian startups, entrepreneurs, and global defence companies. "The energy at this event is incredible. It reflects the confidence and ambition of India's defence industry," the Defence Minister.

More than imports and exports, what truly matters is empowering the armed forces, Rajnath said, pointing out how India has moved away from relying on imported defence equipment. "Ten years ago, we depended on other countries for nearly 70% of our defence needs. Today, the situation has completely changed... bout 70% of our defence production is happening within the country," he said, reflecting on increase in number of exhibitors this year - 900, compared to last edition's 800.

He also stressed India's growing role as an exporter of defence technology. "From small weapons to advanced missile systems like BrahMos and Akash, we are supplying military equipment to several countries," he said. This success is a result of strong commitment from industry leaders and policymakers, which has helped India establish itself as a trusted global defence partner, he added.

He praised the aerial displays at the event, saying that the trails and patterns created by Indian aerobatic teams were a clear reflection of the advancements in the country's defence capabilities.

Rajnath credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making self-reliance in defence a national priority, saying that a few years ago, Modi took it upon himself to turn India into a self-sufficient nation. He emphasised that this mission carried a deeper message of holistic national empowerment — something he said was previously missing from the country's mindset but has now transformed into a nationwide movement.

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> Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

In the past, the private sector was not empowered and often left uncertain about receiving the necessary resources and funding support. However, our government has been working since the beginning to eliminate this uncertainty and empower the private market. "We are even planning to introduce a policy that will balance the interests of both the public and private sectors," Rajnath added.

Secretary, Defence Production, Sanjeev Kumar, said that while a large number of components have been indigenised, it is crucial that the domestic industry, when sourcing these components, also manufactures them locally. "During the Covid-19 pandemic, we worked closely with all our defence public sector units to assess all suppliers. I am pleased to report that we have identified an additional 30,000 to 35,000 components that can now be indigenised," he said, requesting the Defence Minister that these be added to the indigenisation list.

The valedictory ceremony also saw the launch of several key initiatives. First, the booklet by HQ Ideas on 'Network-Centric Multi-Domain Operations', which provides valuable insights into conducting operations in a data-driven environment, was launched.

The 'Compendium of Problem Definition Statement 2025' was introduced to bridge the gap between the operational challenges faced by the Indian Army and the innovative, indigenous solutions being developed by academic institutions. The 'Samarthya' coffee table booklet on indigenisation was also unveiled to highlight the indigenisation journey led by the Department of Defence Production, showcasing key dependencies in defence, DPSU success stories, and strategies to accelerate indigenisation efforts.

GE Aerospace has signed a 5-year Performance-Based Logistics contract with IAF to provide comprehensive sustainment solution for T700-GE-701D engines powering IAF's fleet of AH-64E-I Apache helicopters. GE will be responsible for maintenance, repair and overhaul of T700 engines as well as flight line parts to ensure engine availability for IAF

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan takes a look at Su-57 on display at Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Need to build tech for cross-domain ops: CDS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan said on Wednesday that warfare by nature itself is getting very complex and aligning technologies with future warfare is not the only answer. That is only part of the answer to winning warfare, he said.

The Chief of Defence Staff said they need to evolve new concepts, and new doctrines, create new organisations for such kinds of combats, and build new cultures and processes if they have to win and technologies will provide some part of it. The CDS said warfare is becoming more and more complex, and for that, they need to build technologies for cross-domain operations. He underscored the need to align scientific advancements with future weapon systems, advocating for a comprehensive and integrated approach to national security. He was speaking at a seminar on 'Aligning technologies with the future warfare' conducted by Synergia Foundation, in collaboration with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), at Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru.

"We prepare for war with the soldier's aim of winning it. A unified theatre command will be the foundation of a strategically agile and operationally decisive force," he said. The CDS said technology drives tactics, and tactics drive technology. The ability to control information, predict adversarial moves, and deploy precision-strike capabilities will define the future battlefield, he said.

"Tomorrow's combat could be between humans and machines-eventually, it may be fought between machines and machines," he said.

The conference explored the strategic role of automation, drone warfare, and electronic countermeasures, underscoring their critical impact on modern combat scenarios.

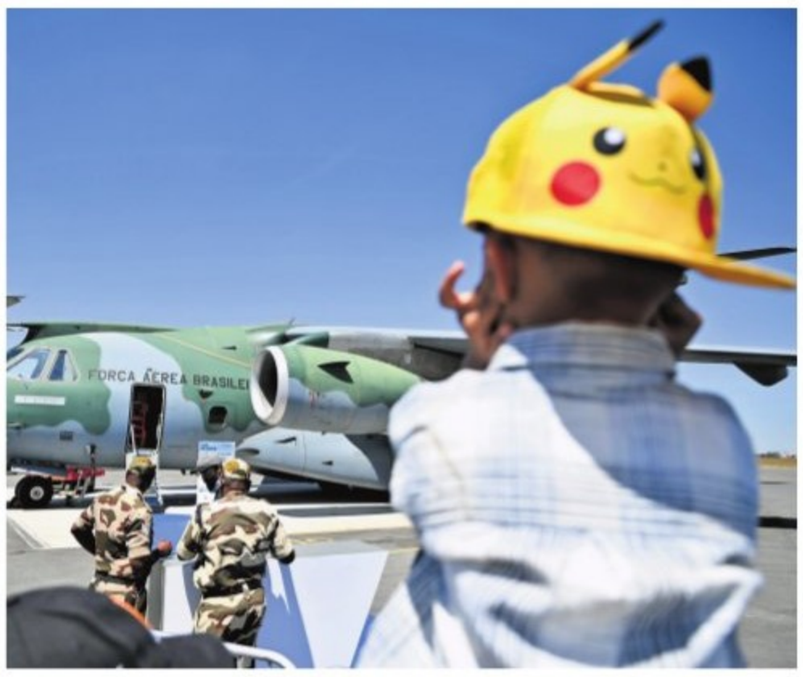
HAL assures delivery of LCA, says technical issues resolved

Maker of Light Combat Aircraft 'Tejas,' Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) assured it will soon start delivering the airplane to the Indian Air Force with the technical difficulties now being resolved, amid reports of concerns raised by IAF chief AP Singh in this connection. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Chairman and Managing Director DK Sunil said, "the delay is not simply attributable to just I would say laziness on part of the industry." "There have been technical issues which have got sorted out. The concern of the Air Chief is understandable," he told reporters here at the Aero India 2025 event. According to him, meetings have been held at different levels and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, a central PSU would soon be delivering the aircraft. "We have now promised that we will have all the structures ready. We have conveyed this. We have had multiple meetings at different levels. We have conveyed this. We are building this. And once the engines are available, this will start rolling out. I think the concern is well understood. There is no doubt on that and as a team, all of us are focused...we will start delivering the aircraft," he added. Sunil's response came amid reports of Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal AP Singh expressing some concerns over the alleged delay in delivery of Tejas to the Indian Air Force. *PTI*

HAL, Safran ink long-term contract

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited signed a long-term contract with Safran Aircraft Engines (SAE), the world's leading Aircraft engine maker for supply of turbine forged parts for their LEAP engines during Aero India 2025 on Wednesday. An MoU was signed between the two companies in October 2023, to develop industrial cooperation with commercial engine parts manufacturing. This is the first contract as part of this Industrial co-operation, an official release stated. Under the terms of this contract, HAL will produce forged parts for LEAP Engine at its state-of-the-art Ring Rolling facility at Foundry & Forge Division in Bengaluru, supporting LEAP program's ramp-up for global airline requirements. "Safran and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are having a long-standing relationship enriched over the past few decades through the joint development of the 'Shakti' helicopter engine, which also paved the way for co-design and co-development of the IMRH engine. We are delighted to take this collaboration to the next level and support their LEAP engine production with critical Nickel Ring forgings", said Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Chairman & MD DK Sunil. *ENS*

'CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF'



(From left) Visitors on Day 3 of Aero India 2025 at Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru on Wednesday; A child shuts his ears as an aircraft engine revs up; A couple protects their kid from the noise | VINOD KUMAR T, ALLEN EGENUSE J

Navy opens its doors to citizens to bring critical tech to table

RAMU PATIL @ Bengaluru

INDIAN Navy, which strives to keep itself abreast with technological developments to secure a decisive war-fighting advantage, has opened its doors to the citizens or entities who can bring critical technologies to the table.

"Indian Navy has always considered the industry as partners and not vendors. We intend to support our new partners with full zeal and enthusiasm in their endeavours to succeed and deliver new and unique technologies to the Naval Air Arm. I also intend to walk the extra mile and say that any Indian citizen or entity who can bring 'critical technology' to the table, our doors are always open, and we would jointly find a path to develop and operationalise these (technologies)," **Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi** said in the Atmanirbhar Indian Naval Aviation Technology Roadmap 2047.

The roadmap for the Naval Air Arm was released on Wednesday during a seminar on 'Transition to Atmanirbhar Indian Naval Aviation 2047 (AINA 2047) and its associated ecosystem', during the ongoing Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru.

The Navy Chief said the roadmap will serve as a guiding document for the Naval Air Arm and also for military technology innovators in India. It outlines the plan of the Naval Air Arm to leverage the technological revolution and changing character of warfare and ensure that the Navy remains capable of addressing future maritime security challenges. The document prioritises self-

reliance by encouraging the development of indigenous technologies and partnering with domestic industries for the production and integration of new systems. It also acknowledges the importance of global partnerships for technology transfers, joint research, and collaborative development projects.

The Naval Air Arm aims at significant advancements in enhancing network-centric warfare capabilities and modernisation of the fleet, it emphasises integrating uncrewed aerial vehicles (UAV) for various operations, including surveillance, reconnaissance, search, and combat roles, and to expand the reach and effectiveness of naval operations. "Low-cost UAVs/drones have proven to be potent war-fighting machines during conflicts/wars in the first quarter of the 21st century. Therefore, the need of the hour is to have a credible air-launched cost-effective counter UAV system," the document says.

It also mentions a concept of 'Optional Manning' of aerial platforms. "If the aerial platform is going for a routine or a high-risk mission, it can be sent as an unmanned vehicle. However, if human intervention is must in the mission, the platform could be manned by the pilot or requisite crew. Optional manning will be one of the primary qualitative requirements for all future platforms being developed for the Naval Air Arm," the document adds.

In terms of inducting new platforms, it emphasises that the Navy requires 5th-generation war-fighting capability through the twin-engine deck-based fighter aircraft to replace the present fighter fleet. TEDBF (Twin Engine Deck-Based Fighter) project is progressed through the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) for the design and development of a twin-engine, carrier-based, multi-role combat aircraft. The Naval Air Arm envisages a fleet of over 400 aircraft in the next two decades and it aims to induct integral manned or uncrewed Air-to-Air Refueller Aircraft.

The Navy Chief invited domestic industry to work with the Navy to invent, innovate, indigenise, and integrate solutions. He said they are witnessing an unprecedented democratisation of the air domain. In the past, credible naval aviation capabilities required immense industrial capacity, deep tactical expertise, and years of investment, he said and added that the barrier has eroded now, and commercially available systems can allow even non-state actors to deploy capable aerial platforms at sea.

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> — Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi

GROUND FORCE

For ATC, language a concern with Russian pilots, but that's not a problem

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE role of Air Traffic Control (ATC) at the Yelahanka Air Base is not just limited to checking if the runway is clear and alert of emergencies, but also to ensure that there is smooth coordination with the pilots, including those from overseas.

"Our communication and coordination with pilots is a must, but limited. With the Russian pilot flying the Su-57, it is limited even more. Though they know basic English, we keep it minimal," said an official, handling the ATC. Citing a recent conversation, he said, "The pilot just uses some words like 'takeoff' and we respond 'cleared'. For landing, he says 'final' and we give the landing clearance."

This is the first time that Aero India has marked the arrival of the Russian fifth generation fighter jet Sukhoi-57. The 62- year-old test pilot, who is also a trainer, Sergey Bogdan, captured the attention of the onlookers at the airshow with his 10-minute breathtaking manoeuvres. "Coordination is very important. All pilots globally follow the International Civil Aviation Rules and know the basic communication commands. Their accents differ. The same is here. If any further communication is needed with the Su-57 pilot, we are using translators. As soon as a foreign team lands, a detailed coordination briefing of around 2-3 hours is held where the ground handling rules and requirements are briefed. The procedures and guidelines to follow are told, which have to be agreed upon," the officer said.

When the pilots initially reach the air base to fly, the ATC tells them the area they have for their sorties. Recollecting a lighter moment, the officer said the same instructions were given to Bogdan. But he was to be told to come back when he started his manoeuvre as he was going ahead of the visual display area. That took some time, but he got control of it. The officer asserted that there have been no untoward incidents because of language issues.

Air Traffic Control at Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said there are many opportunities for investment in Karnataka and called upon investors to look 'Beyond Bengaluru'. He also said the infamous Bengaluru traffic will be addressed with tunnel roads and multiple flyovers

● MB PATIL SAYS GOVT AIMS TO ENSURE THAT 70% OF PROPOSALS REALISED ● GOYAL SAYS CENTRE WILL STAND AS PILLAR OF SUPPORT FOR K'TAKA

K'taka must look at China, Silicon Valley, not neighbouring states, suggest experts

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

EXPERTS, who focused on five areas to help achieve Karnataka Vision 2030 in five years here on Wednesday at the Invest Karnataka-2025 Global Investors' Meet (GIM), suggested that the government should ensure 'aftercare' to investors after clearing projects through a single-window system and build the trust for additional investments. They advised Karnataka not to compare itself with neighbouring states, but with China and Silicon Valley.

Matthew Stephenson, head, investment and services, World Economic Forum, who moderated the discussion, was highly appreciative of the government revamping its single-window clearance policy. Karnataka should graduate from technology to deep technology from GCCs to GCEs, he suggested.

But Venkat Raju, CEO, Turbostart Global, said, "Single-window clearance is highly commendable, but this is not something new, as several other governments have done it. The support is required not just at the time of investment or clearance, but it should be a continuous engagement. The keyword is 'aftercare' post single-window clearance as to how to continue to increase the capital from the investors. If it fails, unfortunately, they may make an exit," he elaborated.

Karnataka should think about its transformational capabilities with respect to diversified ecosystem cutting across sectors with an edge of having IISc, ISRO and biotechnology companies.

Mohit Kochar, Chief Marketing Officer, KPIT Technologies, said the mindset should also change. "Not just look at the neighbouring states, but at China or Silicon Valley, when we look at what we can do for the ease of doing business and speed," he suggested.

Priyadarshi Panda, head of International Battery Company, spoke on the need for collaboration between the government and corporates from abroad, in particular Europe, in green energy sectors and localisation of end-to-end supply chain.

For the green energy sector, the entire value chain and storage system is to be addressed, beside tapping the potential of lithium and sodium, he suggested.

"In the US a lot of companies are looking at the Indian market because of its large population and market. But they also ask whether they can truly trust and replicate their models in India and monetise. Trust is important," he remarked.

He stressed the need to groom future industry leaders by funding startups.

Udupi-born Dr HC Nik Gugger, president, Swiss-India Parliamentary Group and Swiss MP, who played a key role in the free trade agreement between the two countries, said India has an edge with its young population of which Karnataka too has a huge potential to turn around.

The panel discussed how to attract investments that are resilient, tech driven, inclusive and green by adapting good practices for ease of doing business.

We have received investment proposals of Rs 5 lakh crore and we are expecting more than Rs 10 lakh crore. We are looking for genuine investments

M B Patil, Industries Minister

The aim is to make Bengaluru a global hub of technology. Karnataka has made rapid progress on deep tech and future industries

Piyush Goyal, Union Industries Minister

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and Industries Minister MB Patil check out an air taxi during the Invest Karnataka Global Investors Meet at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

KWIN CITY TO BE A GATEWAY FOR MED TOURISM

The state government's ambitious KWIN (knowledge, wellbeing and innovation) city project will also be developed as a health city, said Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil. Taking part in a roundtable discussion on the sidelines of the Global Investors' Meet on Wednesday, Patil said the project aims to attract investments in research and development on pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and medical technology. The KWIN City is coming up between Doddaballapura and Dobaspete near Bengaluru.

NIRANI SUGARS TO SET UP RS 2K CR POLYLACTIC PLANT

Nirani Sugars, a private sugar producer, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the state government to establish a state-of-the-art Polylactic Acid manufacturing facility in Bagalkot. The project, with a proposed investment of approximately Rs 2,000 crore, is set to be developed over the next three to five years, generating 600-800 direct employment opportunities. Vishal Nirani, director of Nirani Sugars, said the project is a commitment to Karnataka's vision for a greener and more self-reliant future.

Invest champions get awards

The Invest Karnataka Awards celebrated industry pioneers who played a crucial role in Karnataka's economic development. Union Industries Minister Piyush Goyal honoured companies excelling in investment, employment generation, R&D, sustainability and innovation. Among the awardees were Foxconn (Investment Titan Award), Samsung R&D Institute (Innovation Excellence Award), JSW Group (Investor of the Decade), Infosys (Champion of Employment Generation in IT), and Biocon Group (Sunrise Sector Pioneer in Biotechnology & Life Sciences), recognizing their outstanding contributions to Karnataka's industrial ecosystem. A Karnataka Success Stories booklet, a comprehensive publication showcasing transformative investments and success stories that have redefined industries in the state, was released. The evening also featured a vibrant cultural showcase celebrating Karnataka's rich heritage, including performances by Dr Prakash Sontakke Ensemble, Aayana Dance Company and a 3D visual projection of Bengaluru Palace.

MoUs WORTH Rs 150 CRORE SIGNED

- The textiles sector in Karnataka attracted about Rs 150 crore investments with Big Bags International Ltd, with Rekha R Kamath as its proprietor, based in Mangaluru alone committing Rs 100 crore to set up a unit for the manufacture of technical textile. But she did not turn up for the signing of the MoU.
- Sudhakar S Shetty of Tumakhane Sanjeeva Shetty Exports of Koppa in Chikkamagaluru district signed an MoU for garments of Rs 14.5 crore.
- Komal Jain of Jain Polyventures of Davanagere signed an MoU for Rs 10 for the setting up a poly-woven socks printing unit and Dr Sharana Bhoopal Reddy of Basaveshwara Textile Industries of Wadagere taluk in Yadgir district signed an MoU for setting up rapier weaving units of Rs 6 crore.
- Young entrepreneurs Pushpa D K and Nutan K Shivanananda of Davanagere and Shankar Gouda of Yadgir were among those who signed MoUs.

Textile Policy soon, state promises sops for sector

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IN its bid to be the textile and apparel capital of India, Karnataka is all set to roll out a Textile and Garment Policy 2025-30.

Speaking at the Invest Karnataka 2025 GIM, Textiles Commissioner K Jyothi hinted at the government implementing the policy in a couple of months with a promise of more incentives for investors and scope for technical textiles. Two units of technical textiles are coming up, she said.

"The policy is at the draft level as I have held a couple of rounds of talks with all stakeholders from the scratch, including at the taluk level. Soon, it will be rolled out ahead of the next financial year," she said.

Transaction advisor for the PM Mitra Park, Sanjay Arora, said the country is looking at the China model, replicating something like the 'sock city' Datang, which is dedicated to manufacturing only socks. "One city produces 1.35 billion pairs of socks annually and generates 1.6 lakh jobs with 80% of its labourers being migrants. We will try in our own way, and not replicate it as a cut-and-paste model," he said.

The fashion industry has matured in India with people not going on a buying spree only during festivals but also seasonally, he remarked. "From waking up to going to bed, individuals have developed a habit of changing their attire 3-5 times," he said, adding that the textile industry is prepared to tap the potential.

In his presentation, he said India can attract investments of $100 billion by 2030, of which Karnataka too will get a share. India, which has $184 billion turnover domestically as of 2024, will touch $350 billion by 2030 and exports will increase from $37 billion to $100 billion, he pointed out.

He clarified that the interests of traditional handloom weavers too will be protected while setting up the PM Mitra textile park in Kalaburagi by providing a zone dedicated for artisans.

NUMBER OF BRITISH FIRMS UP IN KARNATAKA, EMPLOY 30K PEOPLE

Chandru Iyer

"The number of British companies in Karnataka has gone up, and are providing employment to nearly 30,000 people. Karnataka is known for its skill availability," said Chandru Iyer, British Deputy High Commissioner to Karnataka and Kerala. He was speaking at a session titled 'UK & Karnataka: Partners in Economic Growth' at the Global Investors' Meet: Invest Karnataka 2025, here on Wednesday. The panellists included Jayakumar Doshi (British Telecom), Murali Subrahmanyam (LSEG), Andrew Cole (Microncl ean), James Glavey (Tesco) and Joan Concannon (York University). The British High Commission partnered with Karnataka for Industries Minister MB Patil's UK roadshow in November 2024. Key engagements included discussions with UK's Minister of Services, Small Business, and Exports Gareth Thomas, and UK universities. Employment by UK companies in Karnataka continues to grow with over 29,500 individuals now working across 89 companies, underscoring Karnataka's appeal as a talent-rich and strategic hub for UK businesses, Iyer said.

India is running too high a trade deficit: Montek

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"SOME states will have to change what they do in order to benefit from what is now possible, and this is not well understood," Montek Ahluwalia said.

He suggested seriously considering cutting down many of the larger states into two or three. "If you did that, instantly there would be a political willingness to create three new good cities," the economist said.

Ahluwalia said India is running too high a trade deficit which is a serious destabilising factor in the economy and it should be taken seriously.

On imports from China, he said, "The general idea that somehow our balance of payments suggests that we must not import from China. I don't think this is correct; and actually, if your balance of payments deficit overall is a problem, then quite frankly macroeconomics suggests that you should just reduce the level of absorption domestically, because the overall balance of payments just reflects the excess of demand over available domestic supply."

Urban mobility session focuses on green transport

ABHIJEET KABAD @ Bengaluru

MOBILITY plagues the citizens of Bengaluru on a daily basis, from high fuel cost to vehicle density. A session on urban mobility at the Global Investors' Meet on Wednesday, focused on solutions and green transport.

"India is at the peak of economic growth and it comes with people movement. Growth can only happen when there are solutions for mobility. India's focus should be to decarbonize public transport, it can be in the form of buses or electric vehicles," said Santosh Iyer, Managing Director and CEO, Mercedes Benz India. He added that operating infrastructure for EVs is a big challenge, while the bigger challenge is the cultural shift. The education system is playing a crucial role in raising awareness, he said.

Aravind Mani, co-founder and CEO, River, highlighted the lack of connectivity across the country. "The major issue is infrastructure. Most Indian cities are larger than some European countries. Only 23 cities in India have metro services. The city expanded to around 20 towns on the outskirts, but connectivity to these is the issue."

Karthik Ganesan, Fellow and Director-Strategic Partnership, Council on Energy, Environment and Water, said the government has to set down strict norms when it comes to emissions. "People have to become more participative. The problem with Indian cities is we have built economic centres and not urban centres, so travelling becomes a big hassle," he said.

The aviation sector, too, is looking to shift to sustainable aviation fuel. Boeing and NASA are developing a new prototype aircraft. Robert Boyd, Global Sustainability Policy and Partnerships, Boeing, told TNIE, "It is a NASA grant to work in collaboration. It will be out in 2027-28. Called the X-66 'Transonic Truss-braced Wing', it will be revolutionary and a modification of the old MD90 aircraft. The engine on the tail has been removed. With higher wings and fewer engines, it will more efficient."

JAPANESE FIRMS COMMIT ₹7,500-CR INVESTMENT

Bengaluru: Karnataka is emerging as the investment destination for Japanese companies, as 15 firms commit investments worth Rs 7,500 crore at Invest Karnataka 2025. They signed MoUs at the event and pledged investments across sectors, including automobile manufacturing, industrial automation and advanced technology. Toyota Kirloskar Motor Private Limited has committed Rs 3,748 crore investment, followed by NIDEC Industrial Automation India with Rs 600 crore, among others. These new investments and collaborations will contribute to job creation, economic development and technological advancements. Also, Bengaluru-based ASM Technologies has signed an MoU to invest Rs 510 crore to expand design-led manufacturing capabilities for ESDM. The government also informed that Vijayapura has attracted major investments. Suzlon has announced its collaboration with the government to develop 3000MW of wind energy and establish a Wind Turbine Blade Manufacturing Facility in Vijayapura. Suzlon will recruit 90 per cent of its workforce from ITI graduates and work closely with Karnataka's technical institutes to co-create skill development programmes.

Ordinance will protect farmers

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A complaint can be filed against an errant microfinance company with the jurisdictional police. "No police officer shall refuse to register a case," the Ordinance stated. It said no civil court shall entertain any suit or proceedings against the borrower for recovery of loan.

The Ordinance ensures protection to economically vulnerable groups and individuals, especially farmers, women and women's self help groups, from errant microfinance institutions or money lending agencies.

Within 30 days from the date of commencement of this Ordinance, the microfinance institutions should apply for registration before the registering authority.

Experts have a word of caution – use AI mindfully

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"WE should strive to master artificial intelligence (AI) instead of becoming its slave," opined experts at the International Conference on Media and Social Responsibility 2.0, organised by DG Vaishnav College here.

Inaugurating the second day of the conference, Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express (TNIE), expressed concern about the prevailing trend in media industry. He shared his views on how media houses are now deviating from the job of passing information to society.

"Responsibility of the media is to inform and enlighten and not to ignite and provide personal insights to the people," said Chawla. He also voiced concern about the growing dependency on AI.

"Artificial intelligence is a tool developed to dehumanise society," he said, adding that "AI can be a tool but it must not dictate you".

Kristen Rudisill, professor at University of Ohio, delivered the keynote address on the role of media in shaping public discourse.

In a panel discussion on 'Media and AI', experts discussed in detail the pros and cons of AI in the media industry.

Industry experts Venkataraghavan, product engineer, AI, Federal; Iyan Karthikeyan, mission director, Fact Check Unit, Government of Tamil Nadu; and academicians Deborah Raj and Jayakrishnan shared their thoughts on how AI in media can pose risks such as the spread of misinformation, bias, and privacy violations and how it needs to be used with caution.

Editorial Director, TNIE, Prabhu Chawla delivers his address as chief guest at DG Vaishnav College in Chennai on Wednesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

They advised students to use generative AI for improving their work instead of over-relying on it for producing original content. The experts told the students that although AI can enhance their research work, relying on it for creating content could compromise creativity.

The event included three thematic sessions: media ethics and standards, media diversity and representation, and media and artificial intelligence. The sessions were moderated by academicians. As many as 51 research papers, including 15 by students, were presented on a variety of topics.

In the valedictory session, college secretary Ashok Mundhra highlighted how the discussions on various aspects of media have set the stage for future academic initiatives.

Many academicians from various countries participated in the conference and presented papers.

Defamation proceedings against ex-MLA to continue

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THE defamation suit against former MLA Suresh Gowda will continue with the Karnataka High Court refusing to quash the proceedings initiated against him based on a complaint filed by Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy.

Justice M Nagaprasanna rejected the petition filed by Gowda questioning the proceedings initiated for allegedly making derogatory remarks against Chaluvarayaswamy during the 2023 Assembly elections.

Chaluvarayaswamy had lodged the complaint with the magistrate on the grounds that several statements made by Gowda, who lost the 2023 Assembly elections against him from Nagamangala, amount to offences punishable under Section 499 of the IPC.

Acting on the complaint, the magistrate had passed the order taking cognisance of the offence after recording the sworn statement of the complainant and issued summons to Gowda, who moved the high court questioning the same.

The court said the statements of the petitioner published in the media after he lost the elections against the complainant were, per se, defamatory, albeit prima facie. To say that the statements are not defamatory requires a full trial for the petitioner. The order passed by the magistrate is a product of cogent reasoning, it said.

EDITORIAL

In order to be a successful negotiator as a diplomat, you have to be able to put yourself in the other person's shoes

Madeleine Albright

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— Ramnath Goenka

BIREN'S EXIT ONLY FIRST STEP TOWARDS HEALING MANIPUR

FORGET double-engine governance—for a year and a half, it seemed Manipur was running on one sputtering engine and a prayer. Biren Singh had lost the confidence of a large section of his constituents and some of his own ministers even before the Congress announced its intent to table a no-confidence motion in the assembly this week. Singh's inability to douse the violence came under a harsher light last week when the Supreme Court ordered forensic analysis of audio recordings that allegedly show him stoking the flames. So when Singh resigned as chief minister on Sunday, there was a sigh of relief all around. But it was only the first step back towards normalcy in the strife-torn state.

Before taking the next few steps, we must not fall back on the excuse that this is just a fresh chapter in an old conflict. There are many long-running feuds between northeastern tribes who peacefully cohabit today. Dissatisfaction over a community's reservation status—which apparently triggered the violence in May 2023—is not unique to this region. Similar angst bothers the Jats in the north and Marathas in the west, though those cauldrons have been kept below boiling point. The Meiteis' demand for revoking scheduled tribe status for Kukis is *schadenfreude*, given they have twice rejected the status for themselves.

The Centre's aim of bringing order to the state was clear when former Union home secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla was appointed governor last month after two appointees who had been in the seat for only two years in all. While the constitutional mechanics of forming a new government or imposing president's rule are being worked out, some larger steps towards lasting peace are clear. The tens of thousands of displaced families should not only be allowed to safely go back, but their post-traumatic stress and children's learning setbacks must also be addressed. While clamping down on the region's flourishing drugs trade, which community elders have complained about, clarity must be provided on why suspected kingpin Lhukhosei Zou was acquitted in 2020. The road through the mountain of institutional apathy that the warring sides allege will be tortuous. But we need to start on it right now by creating a permanent forum for talks, at times of peace as well as conflict.

PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO CURB TUSKER TROUBLE

WITH four deaths in 48 hours, attacks by wild elephants are not showing any signs of abating in Kerala. Three people were trampled to death in a span of 24 hours between Monday and Tuesday; the body of another victim, a tribal youth, was found on Wednesday. A total of eight persons have died in the state from similar attacks over the last month; the total since 2016 stands at 169. Alarmed by the increasing conflicts, the state government in 2024 had declared human-wildlife conflict a state-specific disaster so that swift action plans can be put together. But a solution does not seem close at the moment.

The primary reason for escalating human-wildlife conflict in the state is the degradation of forests. Almost 30 percent of this densely-populated state is covered by forests. The sharp increase in human population and resultant rise in anthropogenic pressures on forest areas have made man-animal conflicts almost inevitable. Habitat fragmentation, growing settlements along wildlife corridors, rising eco-tourism and changing cropping patterns on the forests' fringes add to the main cause. Climate change is also said to be a reason for increasing animal attacks during summers.

The foremost priority should be to prevent wild animals from entering agricultural fields and human habitations, for which the forest department should strengthen patrolling in the conflict hotspots. The department's plan to form primary response teams by recruiting local volunteers to alert people about the presence of wild animals in conflict-prone areas must be implemented at the earliest. The shrinking water bodies and drying grasslands inside forests must be checked and replenished. There are 840 human settlements inside the state's forests; the government can consider taking over the land in such enclosures and rehabilitating the forest dwellers elsewhere. Monitoring of animal movements using drones and inter-state coordination will also go a long way, as this is not Kerala's problem alone. The demand for clear vistas on either side of solar fencing along forest borders, culling of animals whose numbers have shot up and translocation of problematic wild animals must also be looked at. Equally important is improving the quality of the forests themselves, which would keep the animals in their natural habitat. A pragmatic and integrated approach is required for effectively dealing the issue of man-animal conflict.

QUICK TAKE

RAISE AWARENESS ON GBS

WITH 192 reported cases and eight deaths in Mumbai and Pune, Guillain-Barré syndrome, an autoimmune disorder in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks its own peripheral nerves, is worrying health administrators in the state and elsewhere. Though there are many gaps in understanding how the disease spreads, an Indian study last decade showed that four in five patients had had prior infections and one in three had tested positive for campylobacter, a food-borne pathogen. Before it sets off a wider panic, the states must increase their vigil in the outbreak areas and the central government should inform people about the disease's early warning signs and long-term effects.

Trump is yet to fill some key posts that have a bearing on India-US relations. For now, the two sides are talking at higher levels to reset the course

WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER GOES TO WASHINGTON

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WHAT do Indian prime ministers and US presidents talk about when they have summit meetings, which have become regular only in the last 25 of the 77 years since independence? Quite often, they lean on each other's shoulders to share experiences because it is quite lonely at the top for those holding high offices.

Barack Obama and Narendra Modi easily broke ice at their first meeting in the residential East Wing of the White House in September 2014, contrary to expectations among aides on both sides. They did this by effortlessly finding common ground as leaders of their respective countries who had stepped into high offices as rank outsiders in their capitals. Modi had never held any elected public office in New Delhi until he became prime minister. Obama was only a first-time senator who had not even completed his term when he was elected president.

There was a time when American presidents were condescending and talked down to Indian prime ministers. When Indira Gandhi and Ronald Reagan met for the first time in Cancun in 1981, the president spent most of their 45-minute meeting lecturing the prime minister with a memorable closing line: "India must pull itself up by its bootstraps to survive." Janki Ganju, a family friend and the Indian embassy's one-man lobbyist in Washington for some 30 years, who was with Indira Gandhi, was surprised that she listened to Reagan in silence. When the president finished, her reply was just one crushing sentence: "Mr President, in order for us to pull ourselves up by bootstraps, first we must have boots." End of meeting.

A quarter century later, the roles had been completely reversed. When Manmohan Singh went to Washington on a farewell visit for George W Bush, the president was a deeply troubled man. The global economic meltdown in 2008 had blemished Bush's legacy. It had already been tainted by his ill-conceived war against Iraq and a disastrous attempt to recreate this cradle of civilisation in America's image. As was typical of him, Singh gave Bush a lesson in economics without being patronising. After the prime minister left the White House, their spokesperson said at an informal gaggle that Bush had told Singh he felt comforted and at peace after their conversation. Obama expressed similar feelings to Singh at their lunch in New Delhi in 2010.

It would be a mistake to be judgemental about Modi's ongoing meetings with Donald Trump solely based on the popular caricatures of the new White House occupant. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, who was the ambassador in Washington during Trump's visit to India in 2020, is on record that the incumbent president absorbs his talking points and retains the essence of briefings by his aides. When Sandhu presented his credentials to Trump and again called on him to discuss his visit to India, the ambassador found the president intimately aware of Modi's home state of Gujarat, even about the world's biggest cricket stadium named after the prime minister.

The crucial difference between then and now is that today, there are few people in the White House and the state department who are capable or authorised to prepare Trump for dealing with India while Modi is in Washington.

The senior director of the National Security Council (NSC) dealing with India and the assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asia normally brief the US president ahead of a visit like Modi's. The ambassador in New Delhi also reaches Washington in time for it. Trump has not nominated an ambassador to India after Eric Garcetti, a Democrat, left the post when Joe Biden failed to win a second term.

Till the time of writing this, Trump has not appointed a new NSC director to deal with India. In the absence of a new assistant secretary of state, career diplomat Eric Meyer is the 'senior bureau official' for South Asia. This is his second job at the moment—the first being as *chargé d'affaires ad interim* at the US embassy in Norway, which is his priority. Meyer was rushed to Washington on 'temporary duty' by new Secretary of State Marco Rubio on January 20, probably because Rubio saw in Meyer's bio-data a stint many years ago as a senior adviser in the state department's South Asia bureau.

Ahead of Modi's arrival in Washington, Meyer would have lacked institutional support within the state department. The critical post of deputy assistant secretary for India is vacant; so are the positions of several others who keep the bureau well-oiled and functioning.

In the commerce department, which provides significant inputs on trade tariffs, not a single senior employee has been confirmed by the Senate. Operationally, the most important commerce post for India's interests would be the combined one of assistant secretary for global markets and director general of the US and Foreign Commercial Service; two successive appointees to the job in the recent past have been Indian Americans. Trump has not even found a nominee for assistant secretary for Indo-Pacific security in the department of defence.

It is pertinent to ask if these mid-level officials have any relevance when External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has been dealing with National Security Adviser Michael Waltz since December and has met Rubio twice. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh spoke to his Pentagon counterpart a few days ago. Vitally, they are the ones who chart the India policy that trickles up the political ladder; they can put up roadblocks, too. The political leadership often does not have the time or inclination to challenge them. And, typically, they are not sheep.

In the coming days and weeks, both sides will window-dress the Modi-Trump meeting as the resurrection of their personal chemistry and the starting point of a great relationship for the next four years, concessions by New Delhi to incentivise Trump notwithstanding. Both sides will also repackage Biden's important bilateral initiatives to paint them in Trump's image. Setbacks, if any, will be given a softer face.

This is not to rule out better India-US relations; but the meat in the relationship will take time to cook. If only because, right now, Trump has bigger priorities than India, which cannot make America great or rich, as his favourite slogan demands from the rest of the world.

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THE URGENT NEED FOR A NATIONAL SKILL CENSUS

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INDIA'S demographic transition will see it emerge as the most populous nation in the working age group by 2030. However, while the overall unemployment rate is only 4.1 percent, youth unemployment remains a serious issue at above 12 percent. The situation is further enervated by the low share of 4.7 percent of the total workforce having been trained. A National Skill Census might help fill this gap.

While caste-based census issues have taken most of the political discourse, Karnataka 2023, along with Haryana and Maharashtra 2024, have found their voters focusing more on jobs, development and safety. The MSME is rising to challenges with schemes like 'Approaches for MSME Development 2024' and a new executive development programme aimed at reducing the skill gap. The India Skills Report 2024 emphasises how skill will determine global competitiveness and inclusive growth, especially with AI steering the future of work in the MSME sector.

As of 2020, the Uttar Pradesh government mapped skills within the migrant worker population of about 2.35 million, identifying a skills matrix to facilitate fit job placements for those returning home. The survey incorporated the mapping of 94 categories of labourers to match workers with MSME organisations. In such amicable terms with major industry bodies like the Indian Industry Association and the Confederation of Indian Industry, jobs were promised for about 11.5 lakh workers, with 2.5 lakh by the real estate sector and 7 lakh provided by other sectors.

In May 2021, the Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement was signed by India and the UK to facilitate legal movement of students and professionals. By 2024, co-operation was focused on scaffolding skills. An important initiative was connecting India's National Career Service portal with the UK job platform.

India and the UAE launched a pilot project to align India's skill development programmes with UAE's job requirements. The NSDC partnered with the UAE's Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation to standardise qualifications.

In October 2024, the Andhra Pradesh government initiated India's first-ever skill census, which began in the Mangalagiri constituency and Thullur mandal. The initiative was aimed at analysing skill sets across 1,63,421 families to promote employment opportunities and bridge gaps between industry and workforce skills. The data gathering efforts were led by some 675 enumerators with an app called Naipunyam, targeting individuals aged 18-40.

What hampered the pilot run of the app was data collection. To gather the information, the enumerators were supposed to make candidates login with authentication through OTP, but many candidates refused to cooperate and provide their OTPs to the enumerators, thereby slowing down the process.

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> India's demographic dividend is a fleeting opportunity that must be used in time. A few states like Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have attempted a skill census, but the scale and complexity of a national skill census demand a concerted effort involving key stakeholders

Looking at these cases, we have been able to identify some main issues we face:

1. Existing skill mapping systems often rely on outdated or static data, limiting their ability to adapt to rapidly changing market demands.

2. Limited involvement of industries in designing skill training programmes results in a mismatch between training outcomes and market requirements.

3. States like Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have made progress, but many regions lack adequate infrastructure for skilling programmes.

4. Most initiatives fail to monitor the long-term impact of skilling efforts on employability and career progression.

5. Women, people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups face barriers to accessing skill development programmes.

The scale and complexity of a national skill census demand a concerted effort involving key stakeholders. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), NITI Aayog and state skill development missions must spearhead this initiative, supported by industry associations. Educational institutions, vocational training centers, and international organisations like UNESCO and the World Bank can provide technical expertise and funding.

To ensure its success, the census must be executed over three years at an estimated cost of ₹3,000-5,000 crore.

A Skill India Commission must be established under the MSDE to oversee the census, which should be conducted biennially. A robust survey structure incorporating demographic data, skill categories, and employment trends is crucial.

Develop a digital platform akin to Singapore's SkillsFuture portal, incorporating AI for real-time analytics, multilingual support, and offline accessibility to cater to rural populations. A phased rollout across states and Union Territories will ensure manageability and adaptability.

Collaborate with industries to design skilling programmes that address market demands, taking cues from Australia's Job Outlook tool to match skills with labour market trends. Establish an independent monitoring body for real-time progress tracking and impact assessments.

India's demographic dividend is not a perpetual boon—it is a fleeting opportunity. Without urgent and decisive action, the country risks squandering its potential, perpetuating cycles of unemployment and underemployment. A national skill census is not just a policy option, it is an economic and moral imperative.

The time to act is now. Policymakers, industries, and civil society must rally together to ensure India's youth are not merely participants in the workforce but architects of a prosperous future.

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Kejriwal's downfall

Ref: *The banalisation of Kejriwal and Aam Aadmi Party* (Feb 12). The author only talks about how the BJP brought about the downfall of former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal without getting into any details of Kejriwal not delivering most of the things he promised in two terms. Kejriwal brought about his own downfall because of arrogance.
Giri T, email

Street performances

Ref: *Liven up cities, mark areas for performers* (Feb 12). Street performances can really bring life to a city and give artists a space to showcase their talent. Places like London and Paris have dedicated spots for performers, making it easier for them to thrive. But in India, unclear rules often push artists into a grey area.
Vaanya M, Bengaluru

Terror trend

Ref: *Captain among 2 killed in J&K IED blast* (Feb 12). It is apparent that after the assembly elections in J&K, there is a growing trend of terror activities in the region. The new alliance of terror groups is worrying and would place a heavy burden on our security forces.
K R Venkata Narasimhan, Madurai

Using Sanskrit

DMK MP Dayanidhi Maran trying to create trouble about interpreting Lok Sabha's proceedings in Sanskrit is confusing. Sanskrit is one of the Indian languages. If he doesn't understand or like it, he can keep quiet. There are people who love it. One feels Maran is wasting taxpayers' money by creating issues out of non-issues in parliament.
S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Open-source research

Ref: *Let's build global AI framework to enhance trust: PM* (Feb 12). PM Narendra Modi said some valuable points in his speech at the summit on artificial intelligence in France. As he rightly opined, the research should be open-source and every country should have free access to the developments. At the same time, it should be totally free from bias.
D V G Sankara Rao, Vizianagaram

Delaying inevitable

Ref: *Central rule buzz as no consensus yet on new CM* (Feb 12). The BJP seems to be struggling to find a new CM candidate to succeed Biren Singh in Manipur. Even if the BJP chooses a candidate, the situation in Manipur may not change as people have enough experience to know how BJP's rule would be. There is thus no point in delaying the president's rule in the state.
D Sethuraman, Chennai

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GBS DEATH

A 53-year-old man has died of Guillain-Barr' Syndrome (GBS) at a hospital in Mumbai, the first fatality here due to the nerve disorder, officials said on Wednesday. He was admitted to another civic-run hospital on January 23.

4 HELD FOR SMUGGLING BID IN SOUTH BENGAL

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

Martyred: Left home in J'khand after attending a family wedding ■ Preparations made in J&K's Samba dist

Capt Bakshi was to get married with service doctor in Army on April 5...

Army personnel pay tribute to soldiers Captain Karamjit Singh and Naik Mukesh Singh Manhas who were killed in an IED blast near LoC in Jammu | PTI

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

CAPTAIN Karamjit Singh Bakshi, who was killed in an IED blast near the LoC on Tuesday, was to get married on April 5. According to family members, after attending a marriage in the family and overseeing the preparations of his marriage at Hazaribagh during a week-long holiday, he had left for Jammu and Kashmir on January 24 to join duty.

Captain Bakshi was martyred near the Line of Control in the Akhnoor sector of J&K on Tuesday. The blast claimed Naik Mukesh Singh Manhas and injured a soldier.

Captain Bakshi's family runs a restaurant business in Hazaribagh. The tragic news was given to his father Ajendra Singh by the Indian Army. Captain Bakshi's body reached Ranchi Airport on Wednesday and was taken to Hazaribagh for last rites. At the time his father was informed about his son's death, Ajendra was at a wedding with his wife. Captain Karamrjit was the eldest of Ajendra's two children. His sister who is currently studying.

"My son had a passion to join the army since childhood and was to get married on April 5 with a doctor serving in the Indian Army," Ajendra said.

Other family members said that Captain Bakshi completed his studies in Guawahati and joined the army in 2023. "Captain Karamjit Singh Bakshi had come home on a week-long leave on January 16 and attended a family wedding, besides overseeing the preparations for his own wedding, scheduled on April 5," a family member said.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Wednesday condoled the death of Captain Karamjit Singh Bakshi and an army jawan in an IED blast in J&K. "Received the sad news of the martyrdom of Captain Karamjit Singh Bakshi from Jharkhand and another army jawan during a search operation in Akhnoor, Jammu. May Marang Buru grant peace to the souls of the martyred soldiers and give strength to the bereaved families to bear this difficult time of grief," Soren posted on X.

State BJP chief Babulal Marandi said, "Deeply saddened by the news of martyrdom of army jawan Captain Karamjit Singh Bakshi, son of Hazaribagh, in an IED blast in Akhnoor Sector."

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>
> Ajendra Singh, Karamjit's father

Family runs restaurant

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NAIK MUKESH SINGH

... Engaged on Jan 28, he was to marry on April 18

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

NAIK Mukesh Singh Manhas, who was killed in an IED blast near Line of Control (LoC) in J&K's Akhnoor sector on Tuesday, had returned to army unit on January 28 after his home for engagement. He was to get married on April 18.

Preparation was in full swing for the wedding. The refurbishing and white washing was going on in Naik's home in Kamila village in Utterbehni area of border district of Samba in J&K, when his family received the news about his injury at 6 pm on Tuesday. "We were informed by the army that he was injured in the blast. Half an hour later told us that he had succumbed to injuries," one of his relatives said.

He said some function was taking place at his home and all the relatives were either present or on their way to attend the function when the sad news of his death came. Naik is survived by his parents and three siblings, including two sisters and a younger brother, who is also in the army.

Mukesh's father Chagatar Singh, a retired Sub Inspector of Police, said, "We were preparing for his marriage. We had a function in the home yesterday and all relatives were here. He was at home for 10-15 days for the engagement ceremony. He had returned back to rejoin his duty at his unit on January 28."

"My son had joined the Army at a very young age to serve the country," said Chagatar while being comforted by his relatives to have patience.

People gathered at the Mukesh's home to express solidarity with the bereaved family and participated in the last rites of the deceased. Meanwhile, Lieutenant General Navin Sachdeva, GoC White Knight Corps (also known as 16 Corps) laid a wreath to pay homage to Captain Karamjit Singh Bakshi and Naik Mukesh Singh Manhas, who were killed in IED blast near the LoC in Akhnoor sector yesterday. "Their sacrifice will never be forgotten," he said.

Marriage preparation

Mukesh's father Chagatar Singh, a retired Sub Inspector said, "We were preparing for his marriage. We had a function in the home yesterday and all relatives were here. He was at home for 10-15 days for the engagement ceremony."

Tearful adieu

L-G Navin Sachdeva, GoC White Knight Corps also paid homage. Manhas was given a tearful adieu as thousands of mourners turned up at his funeral.

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AMU official booked over 'beef biryani'

After a notice to serve 'beef biryani' for Sunday lunch at a students' hostel in Aligarh Muslim University surfaced over social media, triggering a row, two students and the provost of the institution were booked over charges of hurting religious sentiments. Students Mohammed Faizzullah and Mujjaism Ahmad Bhati, and provost Fasih Raghiv Gauhar were named in the FIR. A notice pinned on a hostel board, citing authority order, said 'beef biryani' would replace the usual chicken biryani for Sunday. Protests erupted on campus, with AMU administration rushing to attribute the 'miscommunication' to a typing error.

Mayawati's Milkipur jibe at Akhilesh

The 'Milkipur drubbing' of Samajwadi Party gave Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati an opportunity to fire a salvo at Akhilesh Yadav asking him how he failed to save the stronghold of "Ayodhya Ke Raja Awdhesh Prasad", even when BSP was not there to play spoilsport. "How did the cycle get punctured this time?" Mayawati jibed. The BSP chief, not mincing her words, hit out at the SP which had attributed its defeat in seven of the nine bypoll seats in November to the BSP which, SP claimed, aided the BJP by covertly encroaching upon SP vote bank.

Squirrel deity to find place near Ram Lalla

Legends say, when Lord Ram marched his forces towards Lanka to rescue Sita, even 'gilharry' (squirrel) lent their aid to the mission by contributing utmost in the construction of the 'setu' (bridge) to Lanka. Now, a temple for the squirrel deity is set come up at the Ram Janmabhoomi complex near the under-construction Ram Mandir wherein Ram Lalla was consecrated. While temples dedicated to mythical figures like Guru Vashishtha, Vishwamitra, Agatsya, Valmiki, Sharvari, Nishadraj, and Gidhhraj Jatayu are being built simultaneously, a temple dedicated to squirrel is also being planned.

Patra meets Guv again to break Manipur deadlock

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THREE days on since N Biren Singh resigned as Manipur Chief Minister but BJP has not named his successor yet, intensifying speculation about the imposition of President's rule in the state.

BJP's Northeast in-charge Sambit Patra met Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Wednesday. It was his third visit to the Raj Bhavan in four days.

Patra met several MLAs for the third straight day. BJP's Karam Shyam claimed that there was no constitutional crisis in the state. "I don't know about President's rule. I think that the problem will be solved by the Centre with the help of the legislators. There is no constitutional crisis in Manipur," the MLA said.

When asked if the name of the new chief minister will be announced by Wednesday, he said, "I don't believe it."

Another MLA said, "The Assembly will be kept in suspended animation. The government will be formed when some sort of normalcy returns. We are mentally prepared for it."

Former Manipur Speaker and Congress MLA Thokchom Lokeshwar wondered if Patra was in the state to resolve the political crisis or for some other reasons. He lamented that the state government did not convene a session of the Assembly, thereby leaving people in the dark on many pertinent issues.

There is a perception that the BJP would resolve the political crisis in the state following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's return from abroad.

The All Manipur United Clubs organisation said the Centre was free to take any decision as deemed fit to resolve the Manipur political crisis but it must not hurt the state's territorial integrity. The organisation warned that it would not sit idle if there was a threat to the territorial integrity.

Pranab's son returns to Cong after TMC stint

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

FORMER President Pranab Mukherjee's son Abhijit Mukherjee rejoined the Congress on Wednesday after a four-year stint with the Trinamool Congress.

Abhijit, who had left the Congress in 2021, described his return as "home coming." Asked whether the move was politically correct given the Congress's electoral decline in the Assembly, he said, "There is no alternative to the grand old party in the country's politics. Only the Congress takes along all people irrespective of their caste, creed and religion."

State Congress chief Subhankar Sarkar said, "This will give a boost to the state unit. We want people who align themselves with the ideology of Rahul Gandhi to join our party."

Mukherjee had won a by-election to the Jangipur Lok Sabha constituency in 2012 on a Congress ticket after his father became the President. Abhijit's return to Congress comes weeks after his sister, Sharmistha, criticised the Congress, saying the party demanded a memorial space for former PM Manmohan Singh while failing to convene a CWC meeting to condole her father's death.

Didi govt presents ₹3.9L cr poll Budget, DA hiked 4%

State GDP records 6.8% growth, more than national avg: Minister

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

THE West Bengal government on Wednesday announced a 4% increase in dearness allowance (DA) for its employees from April 1 in the budget presented by state finance minister Chandrima Bhattacharya.

The state budget for 2025-26, pegged at ₹3.89 lakh crore, puts a major focus on social welfare, rural growth and infrastructure. The government has allocated funds for rural connectivity, river erosion control, and agrarian support.

Opposition parties claimed that DA was hiked keeping an eye on Assembly elections due in 2026. Bhattacharya said, "With this 4 per cent increase in DA, we are reaffirming our commitment to the welfare of our employees." The hike would bring the total DA to 18 per cent for employees, providing them relief amid rising inflation. The total DA for employees and pensioners in the state will now stand at 42 per cent of their basic pay or pension.

Bhattacharya said West Bengal's Gross State Domestic Product had grown by 6.8 per cent in 2024-25 against the country's overall growth rate of 6.37 per cent. She emphasised that the state's economy has shown "resilience" across all three sectors—agriculture, industry, and services—surpassing national figures.

"The industrial sector registered a growth of 7.3 per cent, higher than India's 6.2 per cent, while agriculture and allied sectors grew by 4.2 per cent, compared to India's 3.8 per cent. The services sector registered a growth rate of 7.8 per cent, surpassing India's 7.2 per cent," said Bhattacharya.

West Bengal's unemployment rate was only 4.14 per cent as of January 2025 against the national rate at 7.93 per cent, Bhattacharya said, crediting this to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's "focus on job-centric growth". "92 lakh people had been lifted out of poverty by 2021, and now the figure stands at 1.72 crore," the finance minister said.

FOCUS ON RURAL INFRA, WELFARE

₹3.89L CR Budget was presented by West Bengal govt for 2025-26 with a major focus on social welfare

4% DA hike for state govt employees from April 1, bringing the total DA to **18%**

- **₹1,500 crore** allocated for improvement of rural roads to boost connectivity and economic activity in remote areas
- **₹200 crore** earmarked to address river erosion issue and give relief to vulnerable riverine communities
- **₹500 crore** okayed for construction of 4.75-km bridge over the Ganga at Gangasagar for smooth access for pilgrims
- **16 lakh** new houses to be built under 'Banglar Bari' project for which **₹9,600 crore** has been allocated

Rape survivor can terminate pregnancy, says HC

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Allahabad High Court has ruled that a victim of sexual assault has the legal right to terminate her pregnancy medically, emphasising that forcing her into motherhood would violate her dignity and fundamental rights.

A two-judge bench comprising Justices Mahesh Chandra Tripathi and Prashant Kumar made the observation while hearing the petition of a 17-year-old rape survivor seeking medical termination of her pregnancy.

Citing Section 3(2) of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, the court stated, "In the case of sexual assault, denying a woman the right to say no to medical termination of pregnancy and fastening her with the responsibility of motherhood would amount to denying her human right to live with dignity, as she has a right in relation to her body, which includes saying 'Yes' or 'No' to being a mother."

The petitioner had allegedly been lured by the accused to elope with him. Following a complaint by her father, she was found and subsequently underwent medical examination for acute stomach pain, where it was revealed that she was three months and fifteen days pregnant.

Her counsel argued that she had been raped multiple times and that an investigation had been requested before the sessions court. Since she was now 19 weeks pregnant, the petition stated that the pregnancy was causing her mental anguish and was detrimental to her well-being. It was also pleaded that, as a minor, she did not want the responsibility of bearing a child.

Referring to Rule 3B of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Rules, 2003 (as amended in 2021), the court noted that the law permits termination of pregnancy up to 24 weeks for survivors of sexual assault, rape, or incest, as well as for minors. Citing previous Supreme Court and Delhi High Court rulings in similar cases, the bench observed, "To force the victim to give birth to the child of a man who sexually assaulted her would result in unexplainable miseries."

The court in its order, directed the authorities concerned to conduct the medical examination of the petitioner on the same day by a three-member medical committee. The court ultimately granted the petitioner the choice to proceed with the termination if she so wished.

Row over Bihar panchayat diktat on rape survivor

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A village panchayat in Bihar's Saharsa district asked the family members of a 14-year rape survivor to settle the matter after receiving ₹1.11 lakh as compensation from the accused.

When the accused's family refused to pay the compensation for the girl's marriage, SP Saharsa Himanshu Kumar asked the SHO of Mahishi police station to lodge a complaint against the accused.

The victim's mother told the police that the incident took place on January 5, when her daughter went to a nearby field to attend the call of nature. The accused held her captive, took her to a house and raped her.

The panchayat members held a meeting and decided to pay ₹1.11 lakh as compensation to the victim's family. The accused agreed, however, a month passed but no action was taken.

Passport cannot be denied to person on brother's terrorism link, rules HC

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has said that a passport cannot be denied to a person merely for the involvement of his brother in militancy activities. It also held that a person's activities should form the basis for issuance of passport. The High Court order has been welcomed by the political parties.

A bench of Justice M A Chowdhary, while allowing petition of one Muhammad Amir Malik R/o Ramban, directed J&K's Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) CID to resubmit the report uninfluenced by conduct or activities of the brother and Malik's father to Regional Passport Officer (RPO) within four weeks.

Malik, a diploma holder in Engineering, had applied for a passport in 2021 to go abroad in search of a job. However, the CID had not cleared his passport verification. After being denied passport, Malik moved the HC and the court sought a report from ADGP CID.

ADGP CID stated that petitioner's brother, Mohammad Ayaz Malik alias Abu Musa, was a HM militant and was killed in an encounter with security forces in 2011 and his father is enlisted as OGW in the records.

"Since brother of petitioner was affiliated with HM and his father is an OGW, the possibility of applicant coming under duress, influence or extraneous pressure of anti-Indian terrorist, separatist and secessionist outfits of elements of hostile foreign agencies has been assessed to be of very high probability and after consideration, the case of the petitioner for issuance of passport has been disposed of 'not recommended'."

The court, however, overruled the observation and held that petitioner cannot be deprived of his fundamental right guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India by rejecting his passport verification merely because his brother was a militant and his father is an OGW.

PDP chief and former J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said the HC decision of not denying a passport to an individual for merely being related to a militant was a step in the right direction.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-3/24-25/9151 Dated: 10.02.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids against **Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-3/Gangman/2024-25/615 Dated: 10.02.2025. for Providing 30 No's of Gang man service to TLI sections of TL&SS Hootagalli Division Mysuru for maintenance of Transmission Lines coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Zone, Mysuru. The tender for the above work is invited through electronic mode. The interested bidders can obtain the application in electronic mode by paying the tender fee. The detailed notification regarding above said enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyper link 'E Procurement KPTCL' or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 17.02.2025.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., Transmission Zone, KPTCL,
Prasarana Bhavana, Ground Floor, FTS Compound,
NR Mohalla, Mysuru-570007. Ph: 0821-2455770 / 2455771

Government of Karnataka

Assistant Conservator of Forests, Channagiri Sub Division, Channagiri.

No.: ACF: Channagiri:Tender.C.R-03/24-25 Date: 06.02.2025

(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Tender is invited through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal from concerned, eligible contractors for implementing works related to Digging Advance Holes and Growing and Maintenance of Saplings in various zones in the limits of Bhadravathi Forest Division for the year 2024-25 fixing time up to 4.00 PM on 17.02.2025. For Tender conditions and further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details regarding the Tender can be obtained from the official website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Approximate amount of work: Rs. 183.60000 lakhs.

1. Works of Digging Advance Holes and Growing and Maintenance of Saplings

*) Last date for Tender Submission: 15.02.2025, 16.00 Hrs.

*) Date of opening Technical Bid: 17.02.2025, 16.30 Hrs.

*) Date of opening Financial Bid: 17.02.2025, 17.00 Hrs.

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Channagiri Sub Division, Channagiri.

DIPR/smg/ksmca/24-25/83/02/1632

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West,

Chitrapura Mutt Complex, 8th Main, Malleshwaram 15th Cross, Bengaluru-560055

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Regional Office West,** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notice sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors/ Guarantors: (1) Miss Karunya Ram D/o Mr B C Ramachandra, No.28, Prema Chandra, 1st Main, 1st Cross Near Century Apts, BEML 10th Stage, 2nd Block, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Bangalore-560098. **(1a) Miss Karunya Ram** D/o Mr B C Ramachandra, No.53, FF/1, Nisarga Residency, Reddy Form Road, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Bangalore-560098. **(1b) Miss Karunya Ram** D/o Mr B C Ramachandra, No.240/2, Flat No.G4, Ground Floor, SGS Dreamland, 60 Feet Road, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Bangalore-560098. **(2) Miss. Samridhi Ram** D/o Mr. B C Ramachandra, No.240/2, Flat No.G4, Ground Floor, SGS Dreamland, 60 Feet Road, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Limit	Date of Sanction	Liability with interest as on Date 09.02.2025	Rate of Interest
0787627 000010	Housing Loan	Rs. 85,00,000/-	24.02.2021	Rs. 76,77,877/-	9.40% p.a + 2% penal Interest + GST
1250054 24942	Credit Card	-	-	Rs. 38,415.52	30.00% p.a

Total Liability Amount: Rs.76,77,877/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Seven Only) dated **09.02.2025** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 04.02.2025 **Demand Notice Dated : 10.02.2025**

Description of the Immovable Property :

Name of Title Holder : Miss Karunya Ram and Miss Samridhi Ram

All that piece and parcel of House built on property bearing No.28, in Sy No.59, formed by the BEML Employees's Co-operative Society Ltd., vide its Resolution No.23/2010 dated 05.02.2010, BDA RO (S)/BEML-28/2018-19, Property Id No.60000018116 situated at BEML 10th Stage, Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on East by: Site No.27, West by: Site No.29, North by: Road, South by: Site Nos 26 and 30.

together with constructed building comprising Stilt, Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor and Terrace Floor measuring about 4500 Sq feet with RCC roofing, teak wood, doors and windows and marble flooring with all the appurtenant thereon.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers, Guarantors & Mortgagers. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 12.02.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

"Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 590 018, Karnataka State.
Phone : 0831-2498100 Fax : 0831-2405467.

Ref. No. : V.T.U./B.G.M./S.A.P./CW4/T-676-2nd Call/2024-25/5789
Date : 12-02-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd Call)

The Registrar, VTU, Belagavi, invites e-tenders **(Tow Cover Systems)** for the following work.

Name of Work : Tender for Supply of Trophies for the Year 2024-25 Inter Collegiate Sports / Games of Sports Section, VTU, Belagavi. Amount put to Tender : Rs. 8,85,700/-. EMD : Rs. 22,200/-. Last Date of receipt of Tender : 27-02-2025 up to 2.30 p.m. Date of Opening of Tender : 28-02-2025 at 4.00 p.m.

The details regarding participation in the Tendering can be accessed by logging to our **VTU Website : www.vtu.ac.in** and **Website : www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Registrar.
V.T.U., Belagavi,

DIPR/Belagavi/1658/Manipal/2024-25

BENGALURU URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH

O/o Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor,
Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road,
Banashankari (Near Banashankari Temple)
Bengaluru - 560070.

No. EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-1/40/2024-25/3890 Date: 10.02.2025

Tender Notification No. 40

KPPP Tender Notice (Single Cover System)

Tenders are invited through KPPP by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bengaluru Urban, For **Muzarai Grants, MIA Grant & Samagra Shikshana Grants Works.** The work details can obtained from the e-procurement website The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before Dated 27.02.2025 upto 4.00 pm. Further details can be obtained from website at **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Bengaluru Urban Dist, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/AAA/4999/2024-25

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex-1 Building,
N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002

No:BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/3299/2024-25 **FORM-III (see sub-rule (3) of rule 3)** **Date: 12.02.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following Area mentioned in the schedule below is required by The Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, for **Widening of Bannerughatta Main Road from Jedimara Junction at Outer Ring Road to Koli Form Gate Junction** for implementing the proposals of the Approved Master Plan - 2015 for the width 45.00 Mtrs.

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of Land / Building area surrendered and landowners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru South** Name of the Village: **Arakere**

Sy.No/ Khatha No.	Type of Land		Nature of Land		Dimension of the Land/ Plot & Extent in Sq.M		Boundaries of the Land / Plot				Building Details			Present Activity on Land/Building (Specify Specific activity such as Shop, Office, Factory, Apartment, Individual house etc.,	Market (guide -lines) value of the land Per Sq.M	Name and address of the owner of the plot/Land for Which DRC is to be issued
	Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted undeveloped Approved Layout / developed Land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	East	West	North	South	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction & No.of Floors	Floor Area Ratio			
Sy No.23/2B, Khatha SI No.58, No:55/44/43/23/24/1	Vacant Land			Converted Land		378.00 Sqm	Sy No23/2A	Remaining Portion of Sy .No.23/2B	Sy No23/1	Remaining Portion of Sy .No.23/2B	None	None	None	Vacant	78,000/-	1.Sri.A.N Purushothama 2.A.N Muniraju 3.A.N Murulidhara 4.Geetha.N All are residing at No.06, Anjaneya Temple street, Arakere Village Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560076.

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No. :ನಆಇ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಯು 2024 (ಇ), ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No.ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಪಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಜಿ/1802/2024–25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the divisional / Sub divisional / branch offices	Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisition & TDR, 2nd Floor, Room No: 208, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bengaluru-560002.

Sd/- Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD. | GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 27/3022, Punnen Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001.
CIN : U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 31.03.2024 & MSGL, SPL-16, One plus, Guide Prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure Gold loans up to 30.06.2024 and MSGB, SME Suvarna & EMI due up to 31.12.2024 which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far inspite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 28.02.2025 from 10 am onwards.

DEVANAHALLY: 0876000002, 0876000018, 0876000024, 087600846, 087601039, 087601139, 087601197, 087601298, 087601302, 087601317, 087601318, 087601372, 087601380, 087601409, 087601440, 087601443, 087601446, 087601448, 087601472, 087601489, 087601500, 087601524, 087601555, 087601557, 087601574, 087601582, F25321. **DOBBSPET:** 202601194, 202601197, 202601344, 202601402, 202601453, 202601483, 202601516, 202601589, 202601592, 202601638, 202601655, 202601710, 202601721, 202601722, 202601733, 202601752, 202601774, 202601781, 202601868, 202601877, 202601923, 202601957, 202601968, 202602042, 202602052, 202602076, 202602110, 202602122, 202602132, 202602164, 202602181, 202602189, 202602192, 202602260, 202602284, 202602286, 202602304, 202602349, 202602356, 202602364, 202602366, 202602374, 202602431, 202602433, 202602459, 202602482, 202602545, 202602578, 202602586, 202602604, 202602605, 202602610, 202602665, 202602667, 202602677, 202602699, 202602713, 202602741, 202602743, 202602747, 202602764, 202602807, F22498, F23815, F24225, F24291, F24566, F24945, F24978. **DODABALAPUR:** 1154000844, 1154000852, 1154000879, 1154000904, 1154000928, 1154000941, 1154000967, 1154000992, 1154001020, 1154001066, 115400207, 115400215, 115400216, 115400245, 115400246, 115400376, 115400412, 115400465, 115400483, 115400507, 115400540, 115400596, 115400609, 115400643, 115400648, 115400695, 115400741, 115400773, 115400778, F20834, F22146. **HOSKOTE-KRISHNAPPA COMPLEX:** 3248000003, 3248000013, 3248000019, 324800801, 324800902, 324800931, 324800954, 324801011, 324801036, 324801040, 324801042, 324801050, 324801063, 324801079, 324801081, 324801088, 324801225, 324801253, 324801256, 324801296, 324801305, 324801313, 324801318, 324801321, 324801327, 324801347, 324801362, 324801368, 324801380, 324801420. **HOSKOTE:** 080700040, 0807000960, 0807000985, 0807000986, 0807001009, 0807001016, 0807001037, 0807001051, 0807001067, 0807001072, 0807001094, 0807001120, 0807001126, 0807001128, 0807001162, 0807001175, 0807001182, 0807001190, 0807001194, 0807001206, 0807001222, 0807001226, 0807001235, 0807001236, 0807001268, 0807001288, 0807001298, 0807001305, 0807001325, 080700180, 080700184, 080700204, 080700215, 080700238, 080700270, 080700282, 080700296, 080700332, 080700337, 080700338, 080700347, 080700353, 080700358, 080700369, 080700372, 080700387, 080700392, 080700401, 080700420, 080700437, 080700467, 080700480, 080700502, 080700504, 080700523, 080700534, 080700538, 080700546, 080700563, 080700564, 080700588, 080700603, 080700605, 080700657, 080700658, 080700659, 080700688, 080700697, 080700705. **MADANAYAKANA HALLI:** 1865000445, 1865000454, 1865000460, 1865000548, 186500249, 186500251, 186500418, 186500436, 186500479, 186500488, F18316, F20600, F20607. **NELAMANGALA:** 0783000566, 0783000581, 0783000583, 0783000595, 0783000638, 0783000645, 0783000662, 0783000671, 0783000693, 0783000694, 0783000697, 0783000773, 0783000776, 0783000783, 078300165, 078300187, 078300308, 078300324, 078300368, 078300439, 078300463, 078300478, 078300488, 078300503, 078300533, 078300571, 078300573, 078300633, F28851. **SULIBELE-HOSKOTE:** 425301068, 425301084, 425301243, 425301306, 425301371, 425301374, 425301417, 425301470, 425301568.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 12.03.2025 at 10.00 am at Muthoot FinCrop Ltd., First Floor, Narayanaswamy Building, No. 3/34-3734, NH 7, BB Road, Opposite HDFC Bank, Devanahalli Town, Karnataka - 562110. The bidders are requested to produce Photo Id card, Pan Card. The successful bidder should transfer the money through RTGS.

Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.

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BENGALURU

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION)
UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance (BAANKNET)** through the website **https://baanknet.com/**

Sl. No.	1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve Price 3) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	1) Last date of deposit of EMD 2) Last date of KYC documents 3) EMD A/c no. 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	**1) Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) :** **1) M/S Citrance Foods and Hospitality LLP** **Registered Office:** NO 8, 11th Main,3rd block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560011Represented by its Partners Smt Roopa Amit Shekar and Smt Sheela Shekar Devi **2)Smt. Roopa Amit Shekhar, W/O Shri.Amith Shekar** **3)Smt. Sheela Shekar Devi, W/O Shri. C. Ravikumar Gunashekar** **Both Are At:** No 34, 1st Cross,C S I Compound, Mission Road,Bengaluru - 560027. **2)** Canara Bank **- Lavelle Road Branch** **Mob. No. 9483520887**	**1) Rs. 1,66,44,087.49** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	1) 03.03.2025 upto 5.00 pm 2) 03.03.2025 upto 5.00 pm 3) EMD Payment to E-Wallet or through Challan generated in M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal. 4) Rs. 1,00,000/-	1. 04.03.2025 2. 11.00 am to 4.00 pm 3. 03.03.2025 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
	Description of the immovable/ movable assets: Residential propertybearing BBMP No 34 (Portion of earlier Site Revenue Officer's No.30, thereafter No. 23), situated at 1st Cross, CSI Compound (Previously called as Methodist Mission Compound " Chislehurst"), Bangalore, in all measuring 550 Square feet, with building constructed thereon, consisting of Ground Floor of the upstair building at the rear of the new twin building with all civic amenities within administrative jurisdiction of Ward No. 48 Sudhamanagar, BBMP, Bangalore and assigned PID No. 48-88-34boundaries:**East by:** New Twin House, **West by:** Late Kantha Rajs Property, **North by:** Devadas's Manor and **South by:** Proposed road facing the Park. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs. 91,80,000.00 B) EMD - Rs. 9,20,000.00**			
2	**1) Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) :** **1) Mr. Naveen Nandikolla S/o N Satyanarayana** No 527, Street No.14, Lane I, HMT Swampury Colony Miyapur, Hyderabad-500049. **Also at,** No. G13, Ground Floor, MIDHILA DELUXE, Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka,Bangalore- 560064 **2)** Canara Bank **- Chamarajpet Branch** **Mob. No. 9483532405**	**1) Rs. 52,59,694.47** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	1) 15.03.2025 upto 5.00 pm 2) 15.03.2025 upto 5.00 pm 3) EMD Payment to E-Wallet or through Challan generated in M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal. 4) Rs. 1,00,000/-	1. 17.03.2025 2. 11.00 am to 04.00 pm 3. 15.03.2025 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
	Description of the immovable/ movable assets: SCHEDULE A: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing nos.5,6,7,8,9,14,15,22,23,24,16,17,18,19,20,21,25A,26,27 and 28 assigned BBMP Khatha No.1324/866/5, presently comes within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelhanka, Bengaluru North measuring East to West (183.5+165.3)/2 Feet and North to South (223+147)/2 Feet and bounded on the: **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road and Maruthi Nagar Housing Board Layout and **South by:** Property belonging to Smt. Vijayamma. **SCHEDULE B:** 317.9 Sq feet undivided right, title and interest in the schedule "A" Property **SCHEDULE C:** A Two Bed Room Apartment bearing No.G13, situated on Ground Floor in the building Known as "MIDHILA DELUXE" constructed on schedule-A property with a Super Built Up Area of 1135 Sq Feet with one covered car parking area in Basement floor and having R CC Roofing Vitrified Flooring, Main Door and shutter decorative moulded made of quality hard wood (Both side teak finish) Wood Windows/Internal Flush Doors with Sal wood frames with proportionate share in common areas lobbies passages, lifts, staircase,etc,with electricity water and sanitary connection with all appurtenances whatsoever with common use of approach to car parking area and staircase situated at Maruthi Nagar Kogilu Village Road Yelahanka Bangalore North bounded on the East By: Common Area ,West By: Court Yard, North By: Flat No G14 And South By: Flat No G12. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs. 61,85,000.00 B) EMD - Rs. 6,19,000.00**			

For all details contact at Regional Office, MG Road, Bangalore. Contact Numbers - 1) 70107 03787, 2) 79797 89851

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the branch.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 12.02.2025

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT').

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines Issued d by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was un-served/ not acknowledged / addressee left / this publication is now Issued.

1) Name and Address of the Borrower :- Sri. Chand Sajid, Sri. Chand Haroon, Sri. Chand Suhail & Sri. Chand Mujahid all are Sons of Sri. Chand Basha, No. 51, old Khorcer Palya, B Street, HKP Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-51. All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **New Municipal No. 9/1, Old No. 09, M. No. 03, street, New Market Road Cross, BBMP Ward No. 79 & New Ward No. 92 of Shivaji nagar, PID No. 79-93-9/1, Bengaluru.**
Measuring :- East by :- 36 feet 9 inches West by :- 36 feet 3 inches, North by : 15 feet 3 inches, & South by :- 15 feet 3 inches
East by : **Property belongs to Zakiruddin,** West by : **Portion of property No. 09 belongs to K Sikandar & Others,** North by : **Bandimot,** South by : **M No. 3rd Street.**
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 15,00,000/- **A/c No :- LTC:- 86** **Loan issued Date :- 07.10.2015**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - Rs.24,74,656/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand & Six Hundred Fifty Six Only), As on 01.02.2025, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.
Date of NPA :- 08.01.2025 **Demand Notice dtd:- 01.02.2025** **Branch:- SHANTHINAGAR.**

2) Name and Address of the Borrower :- Smt. Jyothi W/o Late. Ganga **& Sri. Srikanth. G** S/o Late. Ganga, No. 126, "B" 7th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Vinayakanagar, Adugodi, Bengaluru, All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **New Municipal No.07, Old Site No.15, Carved in property bearing Sy. No. 34/1, jalakanteshwar Cross Road, BBMP Ward No. 70 of Shanthinagar, & New Ward No. 111 of Shanthala Nagar, PID No. 70-77-7, Bengaluru.**
Measuring :- East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 40 feet East by : **Remaining portion same property of Late. S. Susheela Bai,**
West by : **Property bearing site No.16,** North by : **Road,** South by : **Property bearing Site No. 20.**
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 25,00,000/-, 2,90,000/- & 7,00,000/- **A/c No :- LTL EMI :- 89, 95 & 141** **Loan issued Date :- 05.11.2018, 23.07.2019, 31.03.2021**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - Rs.37,02,375/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Two Thousand & Three Hundred Seventy Five Only), As on 01.02.2025, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.
Date of NPA :- 03.01.2025 **Demand Notice dtd:- 01.02.2025** **Branch:- SHANTHINAGAR.**

3) Name and Address of the Borrower :- Smt. Mary. R W/o Late. Raja, No.129, Shakthivelu Slum Road, 1st C Cross, Vinayakana Nagar, Adugodi Post, Bengaluru-30. All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **New No. 14/1, Old No. 14, (North Portion) Earlier No. 91, Out of Sy. No. 34/1 & 35, 2nd Main Road, 6th Cross, Vinayakanagar, Adugodi Post, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 70 of Shanthinagar, New Ward No. 117 of Shanthinagar, PID No. 70-104-14/1, Bengaluru.**
Measuring :- East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 15 feet,
East by : **Road,** West by : **Property No. 102,** North by : **Property No. 92,** South by : **Remaining portion of same number property**
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 31,80,000/- **A/c No :- LTH:- 100139** **Loan issued Date :- 12.08.2021**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - Rs.25,65,397/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Sxity Five Thousand & Three Hundred Ninety Seven Only), As on 01.02.2025, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.
Date of NPA :- 10.01.2025 **Demand Notice dtd:- 01.02.2025** **Branch:- SHANTHINAGAR.**

4) Name and Address of the Borrower :- Sri. G. Appajaiah S/o Late. Gangabasappa, No. 146, after No. 146/16, present No. 16/1, 6th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-27. **All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :-** New No. 16/1, Old No. 146/16, after No. 146, 6th Cross Road, Wilson Garden, BBMP Ward No. 62 & new Ward No. 145 of Hombegowda, Nagar, PID No. 62-110-16/1, Bengaluru.
Measuring :- East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 40 feet
East by : **Road,** West by : **Remaining portion of property No 146/16 belongs to B. Jagannath Measuring 40 X 40 feet,** North by : **Site No. 147/17,** South by : **Road.**
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 49,00,000/-, 35,00,000/- & 60,00,000/- **A/c No :- LTL:- 2775, 2788 & LTL EMI :- 234**
Loan issued Date :- 05.02.2020, 19.12.2020 & 03.08.2024
Out Standing Loan Amount: - Rs.1,44,54,525/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Four Lakhs Fifty four Thousand & Five Hundred Twenty Five Only), As on 01.02.2025, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.
Date of NPA :- 01.01.2025 **Demand Notice dtd:- 01.02.2025** **Branch:- SHANTHINAGAR.**

5) Name and Address of the Borrower :- Sri. Sathish Chandra. B.S S/o Late. B.T. Srinivas Gowda, No. 1245, 5th Cross, Vivekanda Road, Ashok Nagar, Mandya 571 401.
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **New E-Khatha Property No. 19-2-516-25B, Property No. 1245/B, Registered Property No.3, Town Municipal Khatha No. D5/313/B-1245/B, situated at Ashok Nagar, Mandya City.** **Measuring :- East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 60 feet**
East by : **Road,** West by : **Property belongs to B.S. Umeshchandra,** North by : **Property belongs to B.T. Srinivas Gowda,** South by : **Road.**
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 97,00,000/-, **A/c No :- LTL EMI :- 09** **Loan issued Date :- 03.05.2019**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - Rs.1,13,83,063/- (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand & Sixty Three Only), As on 28.01.2025, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.
Date of NPA :- 01.01.2025 **Demand Notice dtd:- 29.01.2025** **Branch:- RAMANAGAR TOWN.**

6) Name and Address of the Borrower :- Smt. Kasthuri. N W/o Late. Narendra. G, No. 196, 2nd Main,Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru.
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **New No. 239, Old No. 02, Situated at 2nd Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 27 & new Ward No. 94 of Gandhinagar, PID No. 27-67-239, Bengaluru.** **Measuring :- East to West : 50 feet & North to South : 30 feet**
East by : **Property No. 07,** West by : **Road,** North by : **Property No. 01,** South by : **Property No. 03.**
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 49,00,000/-, **A/c No :- LTL EMI :- 58** **Loan issued Date :- 21.04.2023**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - Rs.48,44,110/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Forty four Thousand & One Hundred Ten Only), As on 13.01.2025, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.
Date of NPA :- 20.12.2024 **Demand Notice dtd:- 13.01.2025** **Branch:- ELECTRONIC CITY.**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section (2) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtained written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

Date : 12.02.2025 **Sd/- (Authorised Officer)**
Place : Bangalore **The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Limited.**

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Reporters were killed in 2024, most by Israel

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	-1	-12	SNY	Los Angeles	18	9	SNY
Colombo	34	23	SNY	Melbourne	26	18	SNY
Dhaka	27	16	SNY	Moscow	-1	-4	LC
Dubai	25	19	SNY	New York	1	-1	LC
Houston	28	21	SNY	Singapore	31	25	SNY
Istanbul	7	4	LR	Toronto	-3	-5	LS
London	7	2	LR	Washington	2	1	LS

Sissi may skip US if Gazan relocation talks on agenda

After Jordan, now Egypt prez pushes back on Trump's plan to drive away Palestinians

MOSCOW

EGYPT's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi will not travel to Washington for talks at the White House if the agenda includes US President Donald Trump's plan to displace Palestinians from Gaza, two Egyptian security sources said, *The Times of Israel* reported.

In a call between Trump and Sissi on February 1, the US president extended an open invitation to his Egyptian counterpart to visit the White House, the Egyptian presidency previously said. No date has been set for a visit, a US official said.

The Egyptian presidency and foreign ministry do not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump on Tuesday doubled down on his idea of exiling Palestinians and placing a rebuilt Gaza under "US authority," but faced pushback from visiting Jordanian King Abdullah II.

"I reiterated Jordan's steadfast position against the displacement of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. This is the unified Arab position. Rebuilding Gaza without displacing the Palestinians and addressing the dire humanitarian situation should be the priority for all," Abdullah said on social media after the talks.

Marco Rubio

Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi

Abdullah II

However, he told Trump that Egypt was working on a plan for how countries in the region could "work" with Trump on his shock proposal.

The Jordanian monarch also appeared to offer a sweetener to Trump, who the day before the visit floated the possibility of halting US aid to Jordan if it did not take in refugees.

"One of the things that we can do right away is take 2,000 children, cancer children who are in a very ill state. That is possible," Abdullah said as Trump welcomed him and Crown Prince Hussein in the Oval Office.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Tuesday that Israel could not allow Hamas to use a ceasefire in Gaza to rearm, appearing to back a potential resumption of fighting by Israeli forces as a three-week-old truce and hostage release deal teetered on the precipice of collapse.

Hamas again said on Wednesday it would not bow down to threats from Israel and the United States, which demanded the militant group release hostages this weekend or face a return to war in Gaza.

Mediators Qatar and Egypt were pushing to salvage the ceasefire agreement, a Palestinian source and a diplomat familiar with the talks told AFP, while Hamas said its top negotiator was in Cairo.

Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem said on Wednesday that Israel was "evading the implementation of several provisions of the ceasefire agreement", warning that hostages would not be released without Israeli compliance with the deal. "Our position is clear, and we will not accept the language of American and Israeli threats," said Qassem, after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatened to "resume intense fighting" if hostages were not released by Saturday. His threat echoed Trump's, who said on Monday that "hell" would break loose.

Agencies

Gaza belongs to Palestinians: China

China on Wednesday reiterated its opposition to what it called "forced displacement" of Palestinians when asked about Trump's plan to move Gaza's inhabitants elsewhere. "Gaza belongs to the Palestinians and is an integral part of the Palestinian territory... We oppose the forced displacement of the people of Gaza," foreign ministry said

Two shot dead in Gaza for flying a drone

JERUSALEM

THE Israeli military said on Wednesday it struck two people in the southern Gaza Strip who were flying a drone, which was allegedly observed entering Gaza from Israel after past attempts to use drones to smuggle in weapons. Gaza's Health Ministry says a 44-year-old man was killed in an Israeli strike near the southern city of Rafah on Wednesday, without providing further details.

Israeli fire has killed at least 92 Palestinians and wounded more than 800 others since the fragile ceasefire took hold on Jan. 19, said Munir al-Bursh, director general of the Health Ministry, on Tuesday. The Israeli military says it has fired upon people who approach its forces or enter certain areas in alleged violation of the truce.

The ceasefire faces a major test as Hamas has threatened to delay the next release of hostages scheduled for Saturday, accusing Israel of violating the ceasefire agreement by firing on people and by not allowing the stipulated amounts of tents, shelters and other vital aid to enter the territory.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, with the support of President Donald Trump, has warned that Israel would resume fighting if hostages are not freed on Saturday. Trump has threated that "all hell" will break out if the hostages are not released. *AFP*

This picture taken from the Israeli side of the border shows an army tank stationed on a hill overlooking northern Gaza on Tuesday | AFP

Elon Musk and his son at the Oval Office in White House on Tuesday | AP

Musk says DOGE's work common sense, not draconian

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump's most powerful adviser, Elon Musk, made a rare public appearance at the White House on Tuesday to defend the swift and extensive cuts he's pushing across the federal government while acknowledging there have been mistakes.

Musk stood next to the Resolute Desk with his young son as Trump praised Musk's work with his Department of Government Efficiency, saying they've found "shocking" evidence of wasteful spending.

The Republican president signed an executive order to expand Musk's influence and continue downsizing the federal workforce. Despite concerns that he's amassing unaccountable power with little transparency, Musk described himself as an open book as he took questions from reporters for the first time since joining the Trump administration as a special government employee.

He joked that the scrutiny over his sprawling influence over federal agencies was like a "daily proctology exam."

He also claimed that DOGE's work was being shared on its website and on X, the social media platform owned by Musk. However, the DOGE website has no information, and the postings on X often lack many details, including which programmess are being cut and where the it has access.

The White House has also been moving to limit independent oversight. *AP*

TRUMP, PUTIN SET IN MOTION NEGOTIATIONS TO END WAR

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump upended three years of US policy toward Ukraine on Wednesday, saying that he and Russian President Vladimir Putin had agreed to begin negotiations on ending the war following a dramatic prisoner swap.

Trump said in a social media post that he and Putin held a lengthy phone call during which they committed to "work together, very closely" to bring the conflict to an end and would meet in person, including perhaps in each other's countries.

Donald Trump

It was unclear how closely Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy would be involved. Although Trump held a phone call with him Wednesday, Ukrainian presidential adviser Dmytro Lytvyn said, characterizing it as a "good conversation."

Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Trump's special Russia-Ukraine envoy, retired Gen Keith Kellogg, will all be in Germany later this week for the annual Munich Security Conference, which Zelenskyy will also attend.

Wednesday's Trump-Putin call and resulting policy sea change, followed a prisoner swap that resulted in Russia releasing American schoolteacher Marc Fogel, of Pennsylvania, after more than three years of detention in return for convicted Russian criminal Alexander Vinnik.

Trump said they also "agreed to have our respective teams start negotiations immediately" and would be alerting Zelenskyy to their conversation. He appointed Rubio, CIA director John Ratcliffe, national security advisor Michael Waltz, and his special Mideast envoy Steven Witkoff to lead those talks.

Earlier on Wednesday Russia rejected swapping occupied territory with Kyiv as part of any future peace deal hours after launching a barrage of drones and missiles on Kyiv that killed one person.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who had floated the idea of exchanging occupied land, said the latest strikes showed the Kremlin was not interested in pursuing peace in Ukraine. Zelenskyy had suggested exchanging Ukrainian-held chunks of Russia's region of Kursk for Russian-controlled territory in eastern and southern Ukraine. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Manila files criminal complaints against VP

Manila: Philippine government investigators filed criminal complaints, including sedition, against Vice President Sara Duterte on Wednesday over her public threat to have the president assassinated if she herself was killed in an escalating political storm. National Bureau of Investigation Director Jaime Santiago said that the complaints Duterte were filed at the Department of Justice

Prez Trump readies reciprocal tariffs

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump is taking additional action to upset the world trade system, with plans to sign an order as soon as Wednesday that would require that US tariffs on imports match the tax rates charged by other countries.

"It's time to be reciprocal," Trump told reporters earlier this week. "You'll be hearing that word a lot. Reciprocal. If they charge us, we charge them." The president had suggested that the order would come on Tuesday or Wednesday.

But when Tuesday passed without the tariffs being officially announced, Trump was asked if he would sign the order on Wednesday and Trump answered: "We'll see what happens."

As Trump has unleashed a series of tariffs after being in power for less than a month, he has fully taken ownership of the path of the US economy. It's a bet that his economic ideas can eventually deliver meaningful results for voters, even if by Trump's own admission the import taxes could involve some financial pain in the form of inflation and economic disruptions. For all of Trump's talk, the impact will likely depend on the details of the tariffs and how other nations respond. A reciprocal tariffs order could amount to a substantial tax hike to be shouldered largely by US consumers and businesses as the Census Bureau reported that the country had total imports of $4.1 trillion last year.

The tariffs could set off retaliatory measures by trading partners that could roil growth around the globe and reset where the United States stands with allies and rivals alike. By signing the order, Trump would fulfill his long-standing pledge to raise taxes on most imported goods, a clear break with his recent predecessors who saw tariffs as either targeted tools to use strategically or barriers worth lowering. Trump has broken with that precedent. *AP*

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers / guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below.

The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3 (1)). The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act.

As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrowers/ Co- Borrowers with address	Amount claimed as per Demand Notice *	Description of the Secured Asset	Date of NPA
1	**1.Borrower: Mrs.Lakshmi V** W/o Mr.Venkatesh **2. Co-Borrower : Mr.Siddarth C. V.** S/o Mr.Venkatesh #12 , P K Quarters, Town Hall,Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 002, **3. Guarantor : Mrs.V Meghala** D/o or C/o Vadivelu, # 56,8th Cross, BHEL Layout, Pattanagere, VTC Bangalore South, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Post, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560 098.	**Rs.12,16,533/-** (Rupees Twelve lakh Sixteen thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three only) as on 31.01.2025	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.12 , Sy No.1/1, Khaneshumari Katha No.42/12. PID No.152900400301120025, Hirehalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara Dist,Karnataka - 562 109, Measuring East to West-12.192 mtr, North to South- 9.144 mtr. Total 111.480 sq mtr or 1200 sq ft. Bounded on :East: Sy No.1/8 , West:10 mtrs Road, North:Site No.11, South: Site No.13.	**29-01-2025**
2	**1.Borrower:Mr.Mahesh M** S/o Mr.Mahadeva **2.Co-borrower : Mr. Mallesh M** S/o Mr.Mahadeva, **3.Co-borrower : Mrs. Rathnamma M.,** W/o Mahadeva #4/48, N K Farm, Dubasipalya, R V Nikrthan, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 059. **4.Guarantor: Mr. Nagaraja Shetty,** S/o Late Marishetty, Byramangala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk , Ramanagara Dist -562 109. **5.Guarantor: Mr. Mahadeva M.,** S/o Madashetty, #4/48, N K Farm, Dubasipalya, R V Nikrthan, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 059.	**Rs.31,68,148/-** (Rupees Thirty One lakh Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight only) as on 31.01.2025	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No.48 ,Municipal Katha No.48,New BBMP Katha No.3393/3081/48/48, Dubasipalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka -560060, Measuring East to West- 30 Feet, North to South- 40 Feet. Total 1200 Sq Feet. Bounded On : East: Site No.47 , West: Site No.49, North:Road, South: Site No.57	**29-01-2025**
3	**1.Borrower:Mrs.Shobha C** W/o Mr. Prakash B V **2.Co-borrower : Mr.Prakash B V** S/o Mr.Venkatesh, # 903, Nandagokula Layout, Mangana halli Village, Ullal Main Road, Yeshwanathapura Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 056, **3.Guarantor: Mr.Narayana Swamy D.,** S/o Channasetty, # 27/9,2nd Cross, 1st Stage, Near BMK Choutry, Maruthi Nagara, Ullal, Bangalore-560 056.	**Rs.18,50,474/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four only) as on 31.01.2025	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Khatha No.1497/8/903, Old No.1497 ,E Property No.150200200 300820430, Site No.903, Nandagokula Layout, Manganahalli Village,Ullal Main Road,Kodigehalli Village Panchayath,Yeshwanathapura Hobli,Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 056. Measuring East to West- 20 Feet, North to South- 30 Feet. Total 600 Sq Ft Bounded On :East : Site No.904 , West : Site No.902, North : Road, South: Site No.917	**29-01-2025**
4	**1.Borrower: Shijil P** **2.Co-borrower : Godavari ,** # 25, Ramanna Building, Pipeline Road, Near Vinayaka Temple, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru - 560 091.	**Rs.10,63,941/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty One only) as on 31.01.2025	All that piece and Parcel bearing Property BBMP Katha No.31/1 Site No.8 situated at Hosahalli Gollara palya, Ward No 40, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore,Karnataka -560091. Western half portion measuring East to West 20 Ft and North to South 31+32.9/2 ft in Total 639 Sqft. Bounded on as per Document East:Eastern Half Portion, West: Road, North:Road, South: Site No.07	**29-01-2025**
5	**1.Borrower: Mr.Yadhunandana S** S/o Mr.Billaiahnaik Sanna Swamy Naik **2.Co-borrower : Mrs.Jayalakshmi M** W/o Mr.Yadhunandana S #CS/13, DRDO Township,Near K V DRDO School, C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka -560 093	**Rs.53,35,575/-** (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Five only) as on 31.01.2025	All that piece and parcel bearing Property Flat No.FF1 , Site No.06 ,First Floor,Sai Kuteera Site No.06,Katha No.328/6,Bbmp Ward No.184, BBMP Katha No.144/328/6 ,Old Bbmp Katha No.328/6 ,Old Sy No.8/4,New And Convertred Sy No.39, Vaddarapalya Village,Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560061. Measuring East to West-on the Northern side 57-6.5 feet and on the Southern Side 57-1.5 ft, North to South-on the Eastern side 41 Feet and on the Western side 40 ft.240 Sq Ft undevided share. and built up area 1180 Sq Feet. Bounded on as per document East:Private Property, West:30 Feet Road, North:Site No.07, South: Site No.05 Bounded on as actual Flat: East:Life And Staircase, West:Open to Sky, North:Entrance, South: Open to Sky	**29-01-2025**

**Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.*

You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 12.02.2025
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned Advocate on behalf of my client **Sri Munegowda and Another** have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Muniyappa S/o late Muninarayanappa was died on 12.03.1983** at Avathi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the 2nd Addl. civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing on **15.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M in C.Mis No.38/2025.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri Y.D. JAYARAM, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client is intends to purchase property bearing Survey No. 7/8 (old Sy. No.7/7) of B.Mylanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring 1 acre 25.08 guntas from its owner Sri.K. Hanumanthrayappa, Smt. Rajamma, Sri. Kiran Kumara H, Smt. Thriveni M.C, Madhu H and Smt. Roopa N.K by entering into an Agreement of sale and for getting execution of the sale deed in favour of our client after expiry of notification period. If any person/s, authority, corporation, agency, firm or company having any right, title, claim, lien, mortgage, charge or assignment, agreement, any documents or conveyance, possession or enjoyment over the aforesaid property in any nature or manner, may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary proof within 20 days from the day of publication of notification to the undersigned counsel in our office in writing. In absence of any such claims or objection supported with documentary proof within 20 days, then it shall be deemed/presumed that there are no such claims or objection with documentary proof or that if there are any claims/rights and that they have not been made within 20 days, it shall be deemed to have been waived and our clients will proceed in purchasing the schedule property mentioned above.

K.V. Keshava, Advocate
No.121/5&6 "OM Complex" Opposite Kamath Hotel, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-02.
M.Ph.No. 9448059626 / 9113245537

IN THE COURT OF THE 2nd ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT DEVANAHALLI
C.MIS No. 70/2025
BETWEEN: SMT. NARAYANAMMA & OTHERS ...PETITIONERS
AND: The Tahasildhar, Devanahalli Taluk ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, undersigned advocate on behalf, of my clients Smt. Narayanamma & others have filed the above petition for death certificate of deceased **Smt. Kempamma** W/o.Late Munishamappa @ Munishami, who died on 05/10/2016 at Avathi Village Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, if any 3rd parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Honrble 2nd Additional Civil Judge & JMFC Court at Devanahalli and the date of hearing is **20/3/2025** at **11.00 AM** in C.Mis No.70/2025.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 10-02-2025

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

Murthy .M, Advocate
No.1, 2nd Floor, Viney Building, Sulibele Road, Devanahalli

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its Owner namely Sri.B.M. Diwakar S/o Late B.T.Mariswamy, who represents that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property having acquired the same by way of Gift Deed dated 07.01.2022 which is registered as Document No. 5793/2021-22, stored in CD No. VJND964, registered before the Sub registrar Vijayanagar Bangalore. Therefore Anyone having any manner of right, title interest or claim over the Schedule Property or objecting to the sale, may lodge their objections/claims together with the documents evidencing the same, with the undersigned within 10 days of the publication of this notice, failing which it will be deemed that the Schedule Property is free from claims/encumbrances whatsoever and my client will proceed with the purchase of the same.

SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of the immoveable Property bearing No.148, carved out in Sy. No.70, new No. 70/2 of Nagarbhavi Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, **BBMP PID No. 40-171-148, E-PID No. 4957668609,** measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft. together with the AC Sheet residential Building with all basic amenities and bounded on the :**-East by :** Site No.121, **West by :** Site No.147, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No.145.

Bangalore
Date: 11.02.2025

Sd/-
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No. 238 *Date.10.02.2025*

NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

C-1603 **BID IDENTIFICATION No. 238 /G.M (Engg.)/CRUT/2024-25**

The **General Manager (Engg.), CRUT, Bhubaneswar** on behalf of Managing Director, CRUT invites **Request For Proposal** in **DOUBLE COVER SYSTEM** for **"Construction of Electric Bus Depot at Modipada, Sambalpur, Odisha on Turnkey basis (Design & execution)"** from the class of eligible contractors as mentioned in column-5 (five) registered with the State Governments and Contractors of equivalent Grades / Class Registered with Central Government / MES / Railways for execution of Civil Works to be received on online mode as per the details below.

The bidders may submit bids for the following work through 'e'-Tendering only.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Cost of RFP document (in ₹)	Period of Completion	Bid Security (in ₹)	Eligible Class of Contractor for the bid	Last date of online receipt of bids
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	**Construction of Electric Bus Depot at Modipada, Sambalpur, Odisha on Turnkey basis (Design & execution)**	**10,000.00+ 18% GST**	**12 Calendar Months**	**11.50 lakh**	**'A' & Special Class**	**04/03/2025 up to 5.30 P.M.**

1. The Bid documents will be available in the website http://tendersodisha.gov.in from **14/02/2025** to **5.30 P.M. of 04/03/2025.**
2. All Corrigendum and Addendum will be published in the Website only.
3. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Sd/- GM, Engineering on behalf of Managing Director,
Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT)

OIPR- 13183/11/0027/2425

New I-T bill: Simpler, shorter, crisper

Bill, likely to be tabled on Thursday, has no change in rate structures, capital gains tax rules

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE new Income Tax Bill is more about consolidation of scattered tax provisions, simplification and elimination of redundant laws than about rate ir structural changes. The Bill, which is likely to be tabled on Thursday, has no changes in the rate structures, nor are there any changes in the capital gains tax rules.

Contrary to speculations, the old tax regime has not been abolished, and will continue to operate alongside the new regime. The new tax regime has been put in chapter XIII of the Bill under the head -- Determination of tax in special cases.

Most of the rate changes announced in the budget have been incorporated in the bill.

The new bill is crisper and shorter with 622 pages as compared to 823 pages earlier. The Income Tax Act, 1961 with 298 sections and 14 schedules has now been recouped into 536 sections over 23 chapters with 16 schedules. The number of proviso and explanations has been substantially reduced and the references to rules and other sections have been curtailed, making the law easier to comprehend.

Under the new proposed law, incomes not forming part of total income have now been moved to schedules to simplify the statute. Deductions from salaries such as standard deduction, gratuity, leave encashment etc, have now been tabulated at one place, instead of being scattered over different sections and rules. All the deductions have been put under chapter VIII from Clause 123 to clause 154.

Various provisions have been summarised in tabular format such as TDS provisions, presumptive taxation rates, assessment time limits etc. The bill has a separate clause (Clause 194) which provides for taxation of earnings from online games, and transfer of virtual digital assets.

It introduces the concept of 'tax year' to replace assessment and financial year, thus eliminating the chances of confusion. A tax year would comprise 12 months from April-March of relevant financial year. The language of the law has been simplified. For instance, the term 'notwithstanding' has been replaced with 'irrespective of anything' at many places.

Giving an example of how the new bill eliminates cross-references, Amit Maheshwari, tax partner, AKM Global, points out that clauses from the other laws such as 'wealth tax' has been incorporated clearly in the code as compared to earlier referencing which was making the interpretation complex.

The new Bill has increased the compliance and reporting mechanisms. Clause 509 requires detailed reporting of crypto transactions, clause 510 mandates Annual Information Statements (AIS) for better taxpayer transparency and clause 511 enforces international tax reporting for cross-border transactions.

As per Rajat Mohan, senior partner, AMRG Associates, the bill grants CBDT greater procedural powers to frame schemes and rules, similar to GST. The new proposed law bars civil courts from interfering in tax matters, ensuring direct tax administration authority.

January retail inflation eases to five-month low of 4.31%

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

SUPPORTED by softening food prices, retail inflation eased to 4.31% in January 2025, down from 5.22% in December 2024, as per data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation on Wednesday.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) fell 91 basis points compared to December 2024, which represents the lowest YoY inflation since August 2024. Food inflation dropped to 6.02% in January, its lowest level since August 2024. In December, food inflation stood at 8.39%. Headline and food inflation in the rural sector fell to 4.64% (provisional) in January 2025, as against 5.76% in December 2024. Urban inflation saw a sharp fall from 4.58% in December to 3.87% (provisional) in January.

Vegetable inflation continued to ease, falling to 11.3% in January from 26.6% in December. "Vegetable inflation has been a significant contributor to overall CPI inflation in recent months, averaging 27% since January 2024. In fact, excluding vegetables, CPI inflation averaged 3.6% since January 2024, well below the RBI's target of 4%," said Rajani Sinha, Chief Economist at CareEdge.

Deflation in spices and a fall in inflation for pulses, eggs, and cereals contributed to the overall reduction in food inflation. Sinha said robust Kharif output, coupled with progress in rabi sowing, has improved the outlook for food inflation.

Economists believe easing inflation will leave consumers with higher disposable income, boosting demand and production activity. The latest inflation figures may provide the RBI with room for 25 bps rate cut in either April or June 2025 meetings, provided external factors remain favourable.

"CPI inflation fell sharper than we expected to a five-month low of 4.3% in Jan 2025, led by food items, vindicating the unanimous rate cut by the MPC last week," said Aditi Nayar, chief economist and head of research & outreach at ICRA.

IIP declines to 3-month low of 3.2% in December

NEW DELHI: Industrial production growth slowed down to a 3-month low of 3.2% in December 2024 from 5% in the previous month (Nov 2024), government data showed. This fall is attributed to weaker manufacturing growth of 3% in December as against 5.5% in November. The government has revised the November IIP figure to 5% from the provisional estimate of 5.2% released in January. *ENS*

Reserve Bank lifts curbs on Kotak Bank as lender takes measures to address issues

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank on Wednesday lifted the curbs imposed on the fourth-largest private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank after 10 months for failing to improve its IT infrastructure despite repeated warnings for nearly two years.

On April 24, 2024, the Reserve Bank had imposed certain business restrictions on Kotak Bank and ordered it to cease and desist from onboarding new customers through its online and mobile banking channels, and issuing fresh credit cards. It was also asked to appoint an external auditor to check the health of its IT infra.

The central bank, in a statement, said that the bank initiated remedial measures to address the supervisory concerns and submitted compliances to the Reserve Bank. The bank also commissioned an external audit, with prior approval of RBI, to validate the compliances. "Now, having satisfied itself based on the submissions, and remedial measures undertaken by the bank, the Reserve Bank, has decided to lift the aforementioned restrictions," it said.

The bank management at the successive earnings calls has said the restrictions imposed on it have seen its business taking deep cuts to the tune of tens of hundreds of crores without clearly disclosing the actual losses.

The bank used to onboard a lot of customers through its low-cost online banking model and also sell many other products through the same, including credit cards, small loans, and many savings products.

We welcome the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to lift the business restrictions on Kotak Mahindra Bank. This decision follows the Bank's successful implementation of remedial measures and compliance validation through an external audit. We will continue to work closely with the Reserve Bank of India to shortly resume digital onboarding of new customers and issuing fresh credit cards," said a spokesperson, Kotak Mahindra Bank.

SIP inflows down by ₹59 crore to ₹26,400 crore in January

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

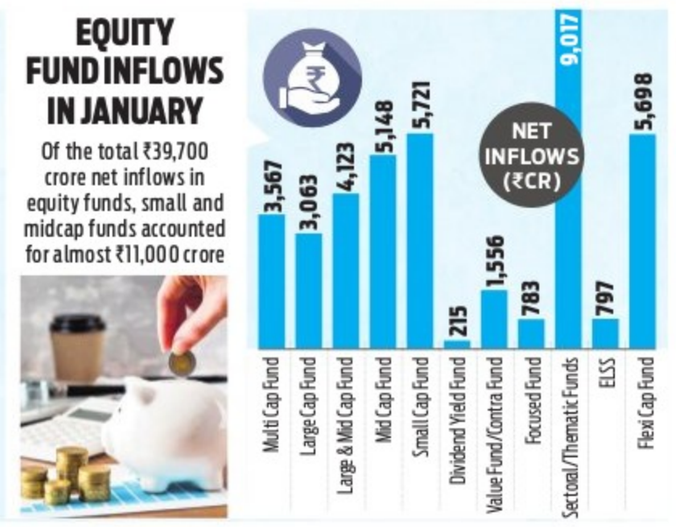
FOR the first time in many years, the incremental inflows into the systematic investments plans (SIPs) saw a marginal decline of ₹59 crore at ₹26,400 crore in January month-on-month basis after more than 25 lakh SIP folios were cancelled by stock exchanges.

The total assets managed by the mutual funds industry was at ₹67.25 lakh crore in January, a decline from ₹68.62 lakh crore in December, however, in a year-on-year basis industry saw a 27.5% growth. This is in spite of the fact that equity inflows continued to gain for record 47th month of incremental inflows even though equity benchmarks declined 130 bps in the month.

Industry lobby Amfi chief executive Venkat Chalasani said the folios declined by nearly 25 lakh as the exchanges had to cancel inactive folios to reconcile the numbers after Sebi mandated them to cancel those folios which have been inactive for three months continuously from April 2024. Accordingly, the number of new SIPs registered in January 2025 stood at 56,18,831 and the SIP AUM is rose to ₹13,19,852.65 crore in January from across 10,26,88,854 SIP accounts.

The industry began the new year on a robust note, after having clocked a whopping 40% growth taking the AUM to ₹68.62 lakh crore in 2024, making the 12th consecutive year of growth. On a net basis, AUM grew to ₹67.25 trillion in January from ₹66.93 lakh crore in December, average AUM declined to ₹68.04 lakh crore from ₹69.33 lakh crore in the previous month. Despite the cancellation of large folios, total folios grew to 22,91,99,377 in January, of which retail folios were 18,22,23,078 compared to 17,89,93,911 in December, said Chalasani on Wednesday.

Retail AUM excluding SIPs stood also declined to ₹38,77,595 crore from ₹39,91,313 crore in December, he added.



Smallcap stocks take a beating as market crashes

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AS the market fell, highly volatile smallcap and midcap stocks have taken a beating. After delivering exceptional returns over the past three years, investors are now selling these stocks amid valuation concerns and broader market weakness.

Nearly three dozen stocks in the Nifty Smallcap 100 index have fallen by 40% or more from their 52-week highs as of Wednesday's session. Within this group, more than 10 stocks, including Chennai Petroleum Corporation, IRCON, and ZEEL have declined by 50% or more from their 52-week highs. In the Nifty Midcap 100 index, nearly half of the stocks have declined by over 30% from their one-year highs and 20 stocks down by more than 40%. Notable names like Cochin Shipyard, Idea, and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals have each fallen by over 50%.

SMALLCAP LAGGARDS

STOCKS	FALL FROM 52-WEEK HIGH
Chennai Petroleum Corp	61%
Sterling and Wilson	65%
Titagarh Rail Systems	55%
JWL	56%
Zee	52%

While benchmark Nifty50 index has dropped by 3% so far in 2025, the Smallcap index has fallen by 14.5%, and the Midcap index has declined by 11%. "Investors are severely punishing companies that report lower-than-expected earnings. These companies are not demonstrating the necessary earnings and revenue growth, indicating they are not fundamentally solid investments," said Anand K Rathi, co-founder of MIRA Money.

Rathi said as liquidity tightens and investor caution grows, corrections in these stock categories, mainly smallcaps, are likely. "If you hold shares in a company that is underperforming or showing lower-than-anticipated earnings growth, I believe it may be time to exit those positions. Historically, we have seen corrections of 50-55% in years like 2018, 2019, and 2020, and we could see a similar situation now," he stated.

Vivek Sharma, VP & investments head at Estee Advisors, said smallcaps are inherently risky and should be approached with caution. He noted that while the Nifty Smallcap 100 has delivered a 14.34% CAGR since its inception, a respectable return by any measure, these gains have been highly uneven.

"For example, from 2004 to its peak in 2008, the index surged nearly six-fold, reaching the 6,000 level. It took until the end of 2020 — more than a decade— for the index to surpass this level again and continue its ascent towards 20,000 before the recent correction brought it down to 16,000," Sharma explained.

Ashok Leyland Q3 net profit rises 34.63% to ₹819.67 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

COMMERCIAL vehicle maker Ashok Leyland Ltd on Wednesday reported a 34.63% increase in consolidated net profit at ₹819.67 crore in the third quarter of the current financial year, riding on strong sales growth in overseas markets.

The company had reported a net profit of ₹608.85 crore in the same quarter last fiscal, Ashok Leyland Ltd said in a regulatory filing. Revenue from operations in the quarter stood at ₹11,995.21 crore compared to ₹11,065.63 crore in the corresponding period a year ago, it added. Total expenses in Q3FY25 were higher at ₹10,937.89 crore as compared to ₹10,155.07 crore, the company said. Ashok Leyland said this was the company's strongest-ever Q3 with revenue and profits rising to an all-time high for a third quarter.

Ashok Leyland Chairman Dheeraj Hinduja said, "The steady progress we are making in profitability is backed by products that deliver superior performance coupled with robust customer engagement." Sales in international markets are showing strong growth, and the company expects this momentum to accelerate with the launch of new products, he added.

The company said it achieved export volume of 4,151 units in Q3FY25 against 3,128 units in the same period last year, a growth of 33%.

Business & Beyond

100 Years of Electric Traction in Railways: SER celebrates with seminar

On 3rd February 2025, South Eastern Railway (SER) hosted a seminar at its headquarters in Kolkata to celebrate 100 years of Electric Traction in Indian Railways. This event was part of the nationwide celebrations, which included various activities such as quiz competitions, technical seminars, sports events, and more, across all divisions of SER. The seminar was attended by the General Manager of SER, PHODs, HODs, and senior officers from SER. It reflected on the transformative journey of electric traction, beginning with India's first electric-powered train journey on 3rd February 1925, between CSMT and Kurla in Mumbai. A special presentation highlighted key milestones of electric traction over the last 100 years.

Hitendra Malhotra, member ops & biz development, Railway Board visited SER headquarters

Hitendra Malhotra, Member Operations & Business Development, Railway Board visited South Eastern Railway (SER) Headquarters, Garden Reach on 30.01.2025 and held a high-level meeting with Anil Kumar Mishra, General manager, South Eastern Railway. Soumitra Majumdar, Additional General Manager and other Principal Head of the Departments of SER were also present during the meeting. Malhotra also held a review meeting of Operating and Commercial Departments of South Eastern Railway on 30.01.2025.

NALCO profit up 3-fold, revenue rises by 39%

Bhubaneswar: National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), Navratna PSU, under Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India and country's leading manufacturer and exporter of alumina and aluminium, has registered a three-fold increase in the net profit for Q3FY25. Net profit stood at ₹1,583 crore as against ₹488 crore in the corresponding quarter of last year. NALCO has reported a total income of ₹4,761 crore in Q3 FY25 as against ₹3,398 crore in Q3FY24. Net profit and revenue from operations for the 9 months ended December 2024 was at ₹3,246 crore and ₹11,520 crore respectively, as against the corresponding figures of Rs.1,044 crore and ₹9,570 crore of the previous fiscal.

Natural gas demand to see 60% rise by 2030

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE country's natural gas demand is projected to grow by nearly 60% by 2030, reaching 103 billion cubic meters (bcm) annually, according to a report by the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA).

The report, titled India Gas Market Report: Outlook to 2030, released by the IEA on Wednesday at the third edition of India Energy Week 2025, also recommended that India should fully deregulate the pricing of domestic natural gas, unbundle marketing and transportation businesses, and focus on enhancing gas-related infrastructure and ensuring gas supply security, among other measures.

"India's gas market is entering a new phase of growth, supported by significant infrastructure development and clear policy direction," said Keisuke Sadamori, IEA director of energy markets and security.

"The prospect of higher gas demand in India coincides with an expected wave of new global LNG supply. However, it will require careful planning and market coordination to ensure supply security and to help gas to compete in a price-sensitive market," Sadamori said.

The report underscores that LNG imports are projected to more than double between 2023 and 2030, reaching 65 bcm per year. This surge is driven by demand growth and a slower increase in domestic production. As per the IEA, India's natural gas demand rose by over 10% in both 2023 and 2024, a trend fueled by rapid infrastructure development, a recovery in domestic output, and anticipated easing of global gas market conditions.

While domestic gas output, which met 50% of demand in 2023, is likely to gradually rise to just under 38 bcm by 2030 (about 8% higher than 2023 levels), the limited growth in domestic supply will require LNG imports to more than double.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to General Public that my Clients intends to purchase the following Agricultural Lands:

Sl. No.	Sy.No.	Extend	Boundaries
1	New Sy.No. 9/3 Old Sy.No. 9/2	2-00 Acres	East by: Land belonging to Late Thimmakka and her children. West by: Land of Chikka Erappa and children. North by: Land of Sri G. Prabhuvaiah South by: Land of Vendor.
2	New Sy.No. 9/5 Old Sy.No. 9/2	0-03 Guntas	East by: Land belonging to Late Thimmakka and her children. West by : Remaining Land in same Sy.No. North by: Land of Sri Eranna - Vendor. South by: Land of Vendor.
3	Sy.No. 9/2	1 Acre 35 Guntas	East by: Land belonging to Late Thimmakka. West by : Land of Chikka Veeraiah. North by : Land of Nanjundappa South by: Land of Veeranna.
4	New Sy.No. 10/5 Old Sy.No. 10/2	1 Acre 27 Guntas	East by: Road. West by: Land of Channappa and Venkataramanappa. North by : Land of Thimmakka South by: Land of Dr. Sajay, Pradeep
	Total	5 Acres 25 Guntas	

4 items of the Property, totally measuring 5 Acres 25 Guntas. All Lands Sl.Nos. (1) to (4) above situated in Chunchegowdana Hosahalli, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, from its Vendors.

Any persons having claims / interest or objecting to the sale of the afore said items of Land from the Vendors in favour of my Clients, they may file their objections / claims / interest along with supporting proof of documents on or before **28.02.2025** to the address given below. If No objections are not received from the parties within the stipulated time, my clients would proceed to register the Sale Deed in his favour. No claims would be entertained thereafter.

RAVISHANKAR PATIL, Advocate
No. 303, 1st Block, 6th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560 032. Mob: 9845651457

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Tenders are invited through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

SHARAVATHY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECTS

(1) No.: KPCL/2024-25/PM/WORK_INDENT2521 dtd: 01.02.2025 for Supply, Fabrication, Installation, Testing & Commissioning and Replacement of high pressure turbine brake jet pipeline for unit no. 5 generating unit at SGS. EMD: **Rs. 9,325/-**. **(2) No.: KPCL/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT2555 dtd: 30.01.2025** for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Batteries under buyback scheme for UPS Systems installed at various locations of Sharavathy Project. **(3) No.: KPCL/2024-25/GH/WORK_INDENT2550 dtd: 01.02.2025** for Under water inspection, videography & under water repair/rectification works of gate grooves by under water arc cutting at Gerusoppa Dam. EMD: **Rs. 7,390/-**. Last date and time for online submission of tenders: **15.02.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs for Sl.No. (1), 14.02.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs for Sl.No. (2), 17.02.2025 at 16.00 hrs for Sl.No. (3)** Further information can be had from office of the Executive Engineer(Turbine)JOG, Jogfalls-577435, M. No.: 9449598802 **for Sl.No. (1),** Executive Engineer(O&M) Sharavathy, Jogfalls-577435, Ph.No.: 08186-244723 **for Sl.No. (2),** Executive Engineer(Gates)Sharavathy, KPCL, Kargal-577 421, Sagar - Tq., Shimoga - Dist., Karnataka, Mobile No:9148346914/ 9480830315, e-mail: eegatessharavathy@gmail.com

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE-I

(1) No.: KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2561 dtd: 05.02.2025 for **Rectification/rewinding, hauling, erection, testing and commissioning of 175MVA, 11/220KV VEL make Generator Transformer at Unit-2 Bay of Nagjhari Power House, Ambikanagar.** EMD: **Rs. 6,19,844/-**. Period of Completion: **Five months from the date of LOA.** Last date and time for online submission of tenders: **07.03.2025 at 17.30 hrs.** Further information can be had from office of Executive Engineer(ODY)Nagjhari, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581363, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka, M. No.: 9449599118.

Government of Karnataka
(Revenue Department)
Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar

E-Mail:deo.cnagar@gmail.com, Ph No.08226-223170

No.ADM/CR/15/2023-24 Dated: 10.02.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-2)
(Through KPP portal only)

The Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar invites short term tender from eligible Agencies/companies to provide Manpower for Building maintainance of District Administrative complex, Chamarajanagar District. (ADM/CR/15/2023-24) the amount put to tender is 103.00 lakhs (Including GST) EMD Amount: 1.60 lakhs. period of contract: 01 year. Last date for submission of bids for the tender is: 25.02.2025, 5.30 PM, Prebid Meeting Venue & Date: 17.02.2025 at 11.30 A.M. (Room No. 106, DC office, Chamarajanagar) Date of opening of technical bids is: 27.02.2025 10.30 AM, Date of opening of Financial bids: Informed to technically qualified contractors. Interested Agencies/companies shall register on the Kpp platform to participate in this tender. Agenices/Companies can download the tender documents from KPP procurement platform (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at (https://.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) EMD and tender processing fees shall also be paid electronically For further details go through tender document or contact #106, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamajarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar during office hours.

Sd/-
Deputy Commissioner,
Chamarajanagar District,
Chamarajanagar

DIPR:CHANAGAR: 608:2024-25

NORTHERN ARC CAPITAL LIMITED

Regd. Office: 10th Floor, Phase-I, IIT-Madras Research Park, Kanagam Village, Taramani, Chennai - 600113, Tamil Nadu.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST (SARFAESI) ACT, 2002

Whereas you, the Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagor's mentioned in Para No. 1 of the table hereinbelow have availed loans from Northern Arc Capital Ltd by mortgaging your immoveable property. Consequent to the defaults committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as a Non-Performing Asset in accordance with Reserve Bank of India's guidelines and whereas Northern Arc Capital Ltd being a secured creditor under the SARFAESI Act, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon to repay the amount mentioned in the notices within 60 days. The amounts due and payable by you to Northern Arc Capital Ltd are more particularly described in the following table. Please note, further interest and charges thereto on the said amount till the date of payment shall also be applicable.

1) Name of the Applicant /Co-Applicants/ Guarantor's and Mortgagor's:

(a) M/s. Hotel And Beauty Parlor (Business Name), Address: Hosahalli Billanakote, Billanakote, Bangalore Rural, Bengaluru Rural, 562111, Karnataka **(b) Mr. Kemparaju (Borrower), Address:** Hosahalli Billanakote, Billanakote, Bangalore Rural, Bengaluru Rural, 562111, Karnataka **(c) Mrs. Supriya H N (Co-Borrower), Address:** 00 Nelamangala Taluka, Sompura, Hobli Hosahalli, Rural Bengaluru, Karnataka-562111.

2) Loan details (Disbursement /NPA & Notice date/Outstanding amount:

(a) Loan Account No. 13053917645 for an amount of INR 2586683 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Three Only) (b) Non-Performing Asset on 02nd January 2025, (c) Demand notice dated 10th February 2025 Outstanding dues is of INR 2672508.61 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Eight Point Six One Only) as on 07th February, 2025 along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc

3) Description of the Immoveable Properties: All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing katha No. 16/6/1, and E-Katha PID No. 150300700301800364, measuring East to West 6.096 Meters and North to South: 12.8016 Meters, situated at Hosahalli Village, Kuluvanhalli Village Panchayat, Nelamangala Taluka, Bangalore Rural District Nelamangala Taluka Benaluru Rural Karnataka - 562132. Under the limit of kuluvanahalli Gramapachayathi and presently belonging to Sri. H. G. Kemparaju S/o Gangaiah and bounded on: **North:** Property of Puttabairaiah **South:** Basavanna Temple **East:** House of Lakshmana **West:** Road

You are hereby called upon to make the payment of the aggregate amount as per the details mentioned in the above table along with further interest at contractual rate and other costs, charges and incidental expenses thereto till the date of payment within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate appropriate proceedings under section 13(4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged property mentioned hereinabove to realise the amount due to Northern Arc Capital Ltd. Further, you are prohibited under section 13(13) of the said act from transferring the said secured asset either by way of Sale/ Lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Dated: 12th Februray 2025 — **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore Rural — **NORTHERN ARC CAPITAL LIMITED**

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, CANAL CIRCLE, BURLA, DIST- SAMBALPUR, PIN-768017

Email:-aceccburla12@gmail.com

No.CCB-W- 205 /Dated. 11.02.2025

A-1054 **Cancellation of Bid**

1. Bid Identification No. : ACECCB-01/2024-25.
2. Tender ID : 2025_CEBBU_110431_1
3. Name of the work : Improvement to Canal Service Road of Left Bank of Larasara Minor in between RD.4600m to 8070m for the Year 2024-25.

The tender for the above work is hereby cancelled due to the technical error.

Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer,
OIPR- 32460/11/0003/2425 **Canal Circle, Burla**

Government of Karnataka

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
Tel : 080-22215601, 22211246, Fax: 080 22215602

No: DYES/ADMN/GENL/74/2024-25 Date: 11.02.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

Subject: The Deputy Director (Admin), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, KARNATAKA INDIA invites Tender for providing man power services to Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Bengaluru through, E- Procurement Portal

Particulars : providing man power services to Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Bengaluru. Amount put to Tender : **Rs. 44,94,420/-** EMD : **Rs 89,888/-.**

Last Date and Time for Submission of bid: **21.02.2025 time 16.00 Hrs,** Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid : **24.02.2025 time 16.00 Hrs.**

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin)
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports
(Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/CP/Zen/2024-25

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (05173)
 # 11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, Opp. Trust Well Hospital, J.C. Road, Bangalore-560002. Ph : 080-2594 3678/3663, Email Id : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) [Under Rule 8(1)]

A/c. No.'s : 62501453348, 39588190015, 62501577216, 39588326638

Whereas the under signed being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **04.10.2024** calling upon the **borrower : 1) M/s. 32 smiles Multispeciality Dental Clinic,** No. 130, Green Garden Layout, Shirdi Sai Mandir Road, Kundanahalli Gate, Bengaluru-560037. **2) Dr. Preethi Naidu** W/o. Dr. Indla Naveen Kumar **(Borrower/Guarantor)** and **3) Dr. Indla Naveen Kumar (Borrower / Guarantor) No 2 and 3 are residing at :** No. 158-155/10, 10th Cross, Kundanahalli Colony, ITPL Main Road, Bengaluru-560037. **Also at** No. 869, Flat No. 101, Traan Insignia Apartments, 17th E Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560095. Also at No. 50, 1st Floor, J.P. Commercial Complex, Ambalipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Sarjapura Road, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560102 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 77,06,113/-** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Six Thousand One Hundred Thirteen only) as on 03.10.2024 and future interest & Expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor and public in general, that the under signed has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on this **11.02.2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India, SARB, JC Road, Bangalore** for an amount of **Rs. 81,71,183/-** (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Seventy One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Three only) as on 03.02.2025 and further interest 04.02.2025 plus, costs etc thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing site No. 255, having its Khatha Sl. No. 842, Khatha No. 447/255, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, Totally measuring 1200 Sq. ft., formed out of converted land bearing Survey No. 93/1 of Kithaganahali Village, Comes under the Administrative Jurisdiction of Bommasandra Gram Panchayath Limits, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, duly converted for residential use vide its conversion order No. ALN.(a) (a) S.R : 81/08-09, dated 20.02.2009 issued by the office of the District Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and same has been approved the converned authority of Anekal Planning Authority/B.M.R.D.A. vide its order No. APA/LAO/57/2008,09, dated 11.10.2010, having its e-Katha i.e., Form No. 9 and 11A property bearing No. 150200101400120183 and **Bounded as follows : East by :** Site No. 262, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 256, **South by :** Road.

Date : 11.02.2025 — **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore — **SARB, J.C. Road, Bengaluru.**

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HSR Layout Branch
Bengaluru

DEMAND NOTICE [Section 13(2)]
Notice to Borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagor

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank,HSR Layout Branch** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2)of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrowers: 1.Mrs.Ganga , W/o K J Puttalingaih, # FF -102, 'A' Block, Elegant Valley, Avani Hills, BEML 3rd Stage, Gattigere, Rajarajeswari Nagar, Bangalore -560 098. **2. Mr.K J Puttalingaiah** , S/o Javaraiah, # FF - 102, 'A' Block, Elegant Valley, Avani Hills, BEML 3rd Stage, Gattigere, Rajarajeswari Nagar, Bangalore -560 098.

Schedule A : (Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower)

Sl. No	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned
1	2673619001364	Housing Loan	18.02.2017	Rs.41,90,00,000/-

Total Liability as on date **Rs.77,95,898.18**(Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Ninety FiveThousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight And Paisa Eighteen only), + interest together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Date of NPA: 20.02.2018 **Demand Notice Date:04.02.2025**

Schedule B : All that piece and parcel of property bearing New Municipal No.469/294/2,in Converted Sy.No.294/2, measuring 5 ½ Guntas, bearing 294/4 measuring 3 ¼ Guntas, Sy.No. 294/5, measuring 10 ¼ Guntas Sy.No. 294/6 measuring 3 ½ Guntas, Sy.No. 294/7, measuring 10 Guntas, Sy.No. 294/8, measuring 4 Guntas, Sy.No. 294/9, measuring 4 ¾ Guntas, all measuring 1 Acre 01 ¼ Guntas, Situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, bounded on :
East by :Land bearing Sy.No. 292, West by :40 Ft. Road,North by :Land bearing Sy.No. 60, South by :Land bearing Sy.No.294/2,4,5,6,8 and 9 conveyed to M/s Elegant Builders & Developers

Schedule " B " Property : All that piece and parcel Two Bedroom residential Apartment/flat bearing unit No.FF -102, 'A' Block situated at First Floor in the multi-storied residential apartment/building known as " AVANI HILLS", having Super built up area of 1165 Sq.Ft. along with 349 Sq.Ft. of Undivided right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the land described in the schedule property with One covered car parking area in the basement Floor with water, Electricity and Sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, Staircase and other areas of common use etc. Bounded on: East by: Land bearing Sy.No.292, West by: 40 ft Road, North by: Land bearing Sy.No.60 and South by: Land bearing Sy.No.294/2, 4, 5, 6 ,8 and 9, Conveyed to M/s Elegant builders and Developers.

Name of Title holder: 1. Mrs.Ganga W/o K J Puttalingaih and
2.Mr.K J Puttalingaiah S/o Javaraiah

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place : Bangalore — **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 04.02.2025 — **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that my client **Sri V. ARUN KUMAR,** S/o N. Venkoba Rao, Aged about 48 years, Residing at No. 71, 3rd Cross, Bovi Colony, T.R. Nagar, BENGALURU 560 079 intends to purchase the All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 12, Old V.P. Khatha No. 10/12, BBMP Municipal Khatha No. 44, BBMP PID No. 54-133-44, situated at "C" Cross, Kathriguppe Main Road, BENGALURU measuring East to West: 43+45/2 feet and North to South: 30+25/2 feet in all measuring 1210 sq.ft the is bounded on the East by: Road, West by : Property. No. 14 & 15, North by : Property No. 11, South by : Property No. 13 from **S.R. PRAKASH.** Any person/s having objection/s or claims with regard to the property mentioned herein may with documentary evidence lodged their objection/claims within 7 days with documentary evidence from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client will proceed in purchasing the above mentioned property.

M.R. RAJINI, Advocate
No. 31, 1st Floor, 1st A Cross, Doraisanipalya, BENGALURU 560 076
(M) 9845928429
Mail: rajiniraju16@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOST OF DOCUMENT

My clients **Asha Ravishankar,** D/o.K.T. Kubera, aged about 50 years, residing at No.29, Near Park, Vijayanagara, 2nd Stage, Hassan-573201, is intending seller of the below mentioned property as the original document is been lost (Rectification deed) has lost their Original Registered Rectification Deed dated: 14-01-2024 Vide Document No.ABL-1-08284-2021-22, Book-I, Senior Sub-registered in the office of the Basavanagudi, (Attibele) Anekal Taluk. In respect of the Katha No.446/630/D2 & Ekhatha No. 150200103200120687 three (3) bed room apartment unit bearing No.D-2, on the first floor of the apartment building known as K.B.Apartment constructed on the land mentioned on the land A Schedule property, having super build up area of 1326 square feet which is inclusive of proper area and designated car parking No.D-2 East by: open Space, West By: Corridor & Flat # C-2, North By: Road, South By: Flat # E-2, finds the same may be handed over to the above said address. My client has also lodged E-Complaint dated:11/02/2025 regarding lost of Original Rectification Deed anybody claiming the property or any objections may contact within seven days to above mentioned address.

HARISH KUMAR .C, Advocate
No.211, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Amar Tower, Ghandhi Nagar, Bengaluru-560 009.
Mobile: 9886635645. Date: 12/02/2025

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

South End Road Branch, No.96, South End Road, Bengaluru-560004

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice Issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

We, **Canara Bank, South End Road Branch** had issued Demand Notice to you under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledge/ Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledgement returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses /due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

Name and address of the Borrower: Sri.K M Muniyappa S/o. Muniswamappa (Staff No.48005) No 23, Devanna Plaza, Dasanapura Hobli, Nelamangala, Near Anganawadi School, Bengaluru-562162

[Details of the credit Facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature Of Loan	Date Of Sanction	Limit	Liability With Interest As On 13.12.2024	Rate Of Interest
117366 6004668	Employee Housing Loan	23.12.2016	Rs. 12,50,000/-	Rs. 10.82.981.03	5.50% + 2% Penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs.10,82,981.93 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty One and Paise Ninety Three Only) as on 13.12.2024 together with further interest and incidental expenses from 29.11.2024 and costs

NPA Date: 29.11.2024 **Demand Notice Date: 13.12.2024**

Name Of Title holder: Sri Muniyappa K M

Details Of the Immovable Property: SCHEDULE-A: All that part and parcel of the property bearing Corporation Site No. 23, bearing Assessment number 38/23, VP Katha number 38/23/23, Old No. Khatha number 150241514914214871 issued by Dasanapura Gram Panhcayath, situated within the Gramathaana limits, at Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 20 Feet, totally measuring 600 Square Feet, together with building constructed thereon and bounded on the: **East by:** Site No.18, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.22, **South by:** Site No.24,

Name and address of the Borrower: Sri. Srinivasa K S/o.Late Krishnappa (Staff No.65656) No.827/123 3rd Cross, Hari Nagar Cross, Kothanur Main Road, Konankunte, Anjanapura Post, Bangalore-560062

[Details of the credit Facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature Of Loan	Date Of Sanction	Limit	Liability With Interest As On 11.12.2024	Rate Of Interest
117366 6004491	Employee Housing Loan	31.10.2015	Rs. 17,00,000/-	Rs. 16,35,267/-	5.50% + 2% Penal Interest
273666 6018615	Employee Housing Loan	05.07.2002	Rs. 3,00,000/-	Rs.1,05,336.20	5.50% + 2% Penal Interest
117361 9005358	Housing Loan	01.06.2016	Rs. 6,00,000/-	Rs.4,81,231/-	5.50% + 2% Penal Interest
117361 9005427	Housing Loan	11.05.2017	Rs. 11,00,000/-	Rs. 9,09,251/-	5.50% + 2% Penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs.31,31,085.29 (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Eighty Five and Paise Twenty Nine Only) as on 11.12.2024 together with further interest and incidental expenses from 01.08.2024 and costs

NPA Date: 29.11.2024 **Demand Notice Date:11.12.2024**

Name Of Title holder: Sri Srinivasa K

Details Of the Immovable Property: SCHEDULE-A: All that part and parcel of the property Site No. 123, katha No.827,house list No.827/123, (formed in survey No.156) Kothanur Village, (Hari Nagar extension) Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West :30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, totally measuring 1,200 Square Feet, together with building constructed thereon and bounded on the: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Doddaiah's Site, **North by:** Ramanna's Site, **South by:** Basappa's Site

Name and address of the Borrower: Sri. D. H. Mohana Gowda S/o. Late Sri. Hanume Gowda H. L. (Staff No.76830) No.3802, Sy No.107/3B, Nisarga Residency, Near Shree Anathanagar Layout, Kamasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Off Hosur Main Raod, Bengaluru-560100.

[Details of the credit Facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature Of Loan	Date Of Sanction	Limit	Liability With Interest As On 09.12.2024	Rate Of Interest
117366 6004735	Employee Housing Loan	04.08.2017	Rs 22,50,000/-	Rs. 20,45,406/-	5.50% + 2% Penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 20,45,406/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Six Only) as on 09.12.2024 together with further interest and incidental expenses from 26.11.2024 and costs

NPA Date: 15.11.2024 **Demand Notice Date: 09.12.2024**

Name Of Title holder: Sri D.H. Mohan Gowda

Details Of the Immovable Property: SCHEDULE-A: All that piece and parcel of the North Western portion of converted property bearing H.L.No.3802/107/3B, formed in Sy. No. 107/3B, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban and it is converted for residential purpose by the Special Deputy Commissioner vide his Order ref: No.BDS ALN(A) SR:229/04-05 dated 10.11.2004, measuring East to West 125 Feet and North to South 160 Feet, in all measuring 20,000 Square Feet, Hebbagodi Village Panchayath approved the building Plan to construct residential Apartment of Ground plus three upper Floors and pent House, vide reference No.46/2004-05 dated 04.01.2005 and bounded on the: **East by:** Remaining Property in the same Survey Number, **West by:** 25 Feet Road for Schedule Property only. **North by:** Property bearing Sy. No. 107/1, **South by:** Remaining Property in the same Survey Number

Schedule 'B' Property: 1% or 200 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property.

Schedule 'C' Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing No.203, on the Second Floor, In the Residential Apartment building known as "NISARGA RESTEDENCY" having a Super Built up Area measuring 381 Square Feet, constructed on the Schedule "A" property, along with One Car parking space in the Basement Schedule "A" Property.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of **60 days** from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which, **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by Canara Bank shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated /Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date: 12.02.2025 — Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bengaluru — Canara Bank

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C. AT DEVANAHALLI

C.Misc. No. 161/2021

Between : Sri. Avalappa ...Petitioner
And: The Tahasildar ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client Sri. Avalappa S/o late Lakshmaiah, aged about 70 years, residing at Bettenahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, has filed the above petition for the death certificate of his father **Lakshmaiah, who died on 13/10/1954** at Bettenahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble II Additional Civil Judge and J.M.F.C, at Devanahalli, **on 05/03/2025 at 11.00 am.**

By Order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, ಮುಖ್ಯ ಲಿಪಿಕರು, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

Address for Service : **Munegowda,** Advocate
RMC Law Chambers
No.6, Shanthinagar, Devanahalli-562110.

LOST OF DOCUMENT

It is represented by the undersigned that **Mrs. Malita Merlin Agera,** W/o Vincent Joseph Agera, Aged about 49 years, R/a Divine Mercy Villa, 1st Floor, No.12, Lingappa Road, 1st Cross, Siddaramappa Garden, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore North, St Thomas Town, Bengaluru-560084, has lost/misplaced the Original sale deed dated 08.03.2013, having been registered as Document No. BNS-1-14228-2012-13 having C.D No. BNSD270, registered in the office of the sub registrar at Banaswadi executed in favour of her sister, Mamta Sanjay Almeida and her husband, Sanjay Anthony Almeida, who are joint owners of the property bearing Site No. 26, Katha No. 306 and Site No. 37, Katha No. 317 formed in the Green Valley layout at Gundur Village BidaralliHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. That Mrs. Malita Merlin Agera is the GPA holder of her sister, Mamta Sanjay Almeida and her husband, Sanjay Anthony Almeida who currently reside in Australia. That the original sale deed was kept in her possession in Bangalore and that unfortunately the document is not traceable as it was lost during renovation work carried out at her residence in 2014 and that inadvertently due to this process, she have lost the document. That she has lodged a lost complaint dated 27.01.2025 online through Lost Report No.1447898/2025. That till today, Mrs. Malita Merlin Agera has not pledged the documents for any security or loan or borrowing. Hence, I give a Public Notice through paper publication in the daily newspaper. That any person in possession of the aforesaid document is requested to kindly contact this mobile no: 9986071424 or the above address **within 15 days** from the date of announcement of publication.

Sd/- DHANUSH MENON, Advocate
No.111, Vidhrta Law Chambers, 1st floor, Embassy Centre, Crescent Road, Race Course Road, Kumara Park East, Bengaluru- 560001. Mob: 9986071424
Date: 12-02-2025

IN THE COURT OF THE IX ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BENGALURU.

P & S.C. No. 03/2025

BETWEEN: Shri Nandakumar, S/o Late Krishnachar, aged about 80 years, residing at no 35, 11th Cross, 19th Main Gajendranagar, Muneshwara Block, Bengaluru-560026... **PETITIONER**

AND: Nil ...RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named petitioner have filed a petition under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act praying for grant of succession certificate in respect of schedule property standing in the name of his deceased wife Smt. R. Saraswathy, who died on 23.9.2020. called upon Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **17/03/2025** at 11-00AM in forenoon to show cause against the petition, failing which wherein the matter will be heard and determined.

SCHEDULE

A) Amount available in Canara bank, no.72, 50ft Road, Hanumantha Nagar, Bangalore 560019 bearing account no 0472101028761 to a sum of Rs. 597590.38/-

B) Amount available in Canara bank, no.72, 5th main road, P.C Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018 bearing account no.04212010032636 to a sum of Rs. 105258.69/-

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on 15-01-2025.

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court at Bangalore.

P. RAJAREDDY & G.H. RAMAKRISHNA,
Advocates
No.618, 1st Floor, Rajeshwari market Building, Avenue road, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that, my client is negotiating the terms of purchase with Canara Bank, Gandhi Bazaar Branch, Bangalore in respect of the schedule property.

My client being the highest bidder became the Auction Purchaser in the Auction held at BAANKNET Portal on 31.12.2024 by the Canara Bank, Gandhi Bazaar Branch, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru in respect of the schedule property belonging to M.N.Sridhar, the partner of M/s Anurag Motors, Bull Temple Road, Bangalore and the total bid value a sum of Rs.2,28,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores twenty eight lakhs only) . My client in pursuance of being the highest bidder has paid a sum of Rs.57,00,000/- (Rupees fifty seven lakhs only) as EMD and agreed to purchase the schedule property free from all encumbrances. Canara Bank, Gandhi Bazaar Branch, Basavanagudi, Bangalore. Canara Bank, Gandhi Bazaar Branch has agreed to convey the schedule property free from all encumbrances, litigation and dispute from whatsoever nature by the erstwhile owners and they have agreed to execute the registered Auction Sale Certificate in favour of my client and also have agreed to put into the vacant possession of the schedule property in favour of my client.

Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, title or interest in the schedule property stated below may lodge their objections in writing with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence for such claim **within 7 days** from this date. Person/s having filed any case/s in respect of the schedule property are also informed to lodge their objections with documentary proof in writing **within 7 days** from the date of this publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of House property consisting of ground and first floor bearing No.643, Formed in Sy.No.25 (Several), situated at 22nd Main Road, 25th Cross Road, Poornaprajna Layout, Vaddarapalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobi, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.184, Bangalore-560 061 measuring East to West: towards Northern side 33.5 Feet and towards Southern side 21.5 feet/2, North to South towards Eastern side 51.5 feet and towards Western side 50 feet /2 totally measuring 1,395.62 sq.feet, bounded on:
East by : Road, **West by :** Site No.642
North by : Site No.628, **South by :** Road.

Premachandrasagar.R.G, Advocate,
#670, Hosapalya-2, Kumbalgodu Post, Kengeri, Bangalore South, Bangalroe Urban-560074, Mob: 9535774955.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Chief Engineer (CON)/I, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 invites E-tender for the following work. Following tender has been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in**. The tender will be closed **at 12.00 hrs.** on due date. **e-Tender Notice No.: 4553-GRC-CE-C-0I-04-2025, Date: 11.02.2025. Brief Description of works:** Composite work for Illoo-Silli Bypass line avoiding Muri-Execution of Earthwork in Formation & Cutting including Construction of Minor & Major Bridges, P.Way Linking Work with supply of Ballast, Construction of Service Buildings & approach roads work including S&T, Electrical works & other related work in from Illoo station to Silli station with loop lines etc. of South Eastern Railway. **Approx. Cost:** ₹ 74.38 Crore. **Bid Security:** ₹ 38,69,200. **Completion Period:** 24 months. **Closing Date:** 12.03.2025. Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for this item will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders.

(PR-1126)

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE LXXXV ADDL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH- 83)

Com O.S No. 1755/2025

BETWEEN:
CANARA BANK
(ERST while syndicate bank)
NR Road Branch,
New city complex market, 3rd floor, N. R Road, Bangalore-560 002
Represented by its Chief Manager
Mr. Abhishek Srivastava
S/o Mr. Virendra Kumar
Aged about 36 Years
AND ....Plaintiff
M/s Bilal Trading Company
....Defendant

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE, 1908

M/s Bilal Trading Company
Proprietor : Mr. Syed Shuaib
R.R. Godown, No.27/7, 2nd Floor,
S.P. Road Cross, Bangalore - 560002
Ph No:8147866885 / 9066663739

Whereas the plaintiff instituted a suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 3,82,385.31/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Five and Paia Thirty One only)** as on **01.09.2024** along with current and further interest 8.55% p.a., with a penal interest of 2% p.a., from **01.09.2024** to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court on **06.03.2025** at 11.00 AM in person or through the Advocate/pleader to answer the question to the same failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this **4th day of February 2025.**

By the Order of the Court
Sd/- The Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Padmashree M
Advocate for Plaintiff
No.29, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore - 560 094.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that our client proposes to purchase all that piece and parcel of residential immovable property bearing present Municipal No.181 having PID No. 74-3-181 situated at 18th B Main, HAL 2nd A stage extension coming within the jurisdiction of New Ward No.88 (Old Ward No.74) Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore (more particularly described in the **Schedule** hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property"**) from its owner, Mr. Fazil Mohamed Hisham, aged about 33 years, son of Mr. Fazil Mohamed Ameen.

Any person, authority or entity (incorporated or otherwise) having any right, title, interest, claim or pending litigation in respect of the Schedule Property is called upon to contact the undersigned with details of such right, title, interest, claim or pending litigation together with supporting documents within a period of **Seven (7) days** from the date of this notice, failing which such right, title, interest or claim shall be considered waived or given up. Objections received after a period of **Seven (7) days** from the date of this notice shall neither be entertained nor binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential immovable property bearing present Municipal No.181 having PID No. 74-3-181, situated at 18th B Main, HAL 2nd A stage extension coming within the jurisdiction of New Ward No.88 (Old Ward No.74) – Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring east to west 6.10 meters and North to South 9.15 meters in all measuring 55.81 sq. mts., consisting of a residential building with a built up area of about 2500 sq.ft., having RCC roof, granite flooring, main door and its frame being of teak wood and other internal doors and windows made out of commercial paneling with teak finish and provided with wardrobes, fittings and all basic facilities and amenities and the property is bounded on:
East by : Site No.182, **West by:** Site No.180,
North by : Road, **South by:** Site No.200.

Dt:13/02/2025
Bangalore

Veena Krishnan, Partner,
VK Law Chambers,
No. FF-C, Rama Residency, 37/38, Hospital Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560001

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

O.A.No. 288/2020

BETWEEN:
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA,
HSR Layout Branch,
Bangalore-560002 ...APPLICANT
AND
M/s. Sri Nidhi Manufacture & Another ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS / NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION.

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application /interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Banks and Financial Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.43,00,246.00** (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Two Hundred and Forty Six Only) together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.

Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the Service of the Summons or on **20.05.2025 at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice of interim relief sought.

Take notice that in case of default the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in you absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **28th day of January 2025.**

By order of the Tribunal Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore

Defendant No.3
Mrs. Suma
W/o Mr. Nagesh K.S.
Partner, Sri Nidhi Manufacture,
No. 202/B, 1st Floor, 15th Cross,
6th Main, BTM 2nd Stage,
Bangalore-560076,
Mobile : 9900996478

ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED

OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751001,Odisha
CIN: U13100OR1956SGC000313, www.omcltd.in

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For details, please visit the website of MSTC i.e. www.mstcecommerce.com

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Strac withdraws, Smith to lead Australia in CT

Steve Smith-led Australia will be without their frontline pace attack at the Champions Trophy after fast bowler Mitchell Starc withdrew from the tournament citing personal reasons. They have been forced to make several changes due to injuries to captain Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, and Mitchell Marsh, along with Marcus Stoinis' retirement.

CLEAN SWEEP YET QUESTIONS REMAIN

Even as India beat England 3-0, the chopping & changing make one wonder about their backroom planning

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Ahmedabad

THE team's original No. 4 making runs as an opener (Shubman Gill). The team's reserve No. 4 becoming the enforcer in the middle-overs (Shreyas Iyer). The team's first XIth hour replacement potentially taking the new ball (Harshit Rana). A player in the original 15 likely to start on the bench (Arshdeep Singh) The team's second XIth hour replacement potentially figuring in the first choice XI (Varun Chakravarthy). The team's original opener watching the Champions Trophy on TV (Yashasvi Jaiswal). The team's first-choice non-travelling pacer deemed not worthy of taking the new ball (Mohammed Siraj). A pacer fresh from a long-term injury entrusted with the task of picking new-ball wickets (Mohammed Shami). Five spinners... FIVE. Zero left-handers in the top four, the only top-order at the Champions Trophy with such a skewed squad construction...

...forget the fact that India did manage to sweep the series against England. Their muddled planning and XIth hour replacements for the Champions Trophy has shown a team management caught in two minds. They have actively pivoted from from one strategy to a totally different one inside a month. When they initially named the side for the CT in January, they plumped for Jaiswal's attributes as an opener even though he had never played in the format. One Shreyas innings — admittedly a match-shifting one — changed Jaiswal's role from opening the batting to water-carrier to now not even making the airport. You can make a case for saying the right decision was reached but that's the kind of reactive decision-making teams generally avoid.

If Gautam Gambhir, Rohit Sharma and Co. wanted a left-right combination at the selection meeting, one innings shouldn't have been able to change that mindset. Or were they already flip-flopping over their decision to pick Jaiswal? "We picked Jaiswal on the basis of what he has shown in the last few months despite not playing ODI cricket," Rohit had said when the preliminary CT squad was announced. "He has been picked on potential and some-

India's squad construction and team selection has not been consistent | SPORTZPICS

times you have to do that... you try and make the best team to win games in different situations." If Jaiswal was picked on 'potential', 'what he has shown in the last few months' and on a 'feeling of him being in the best team', him being dropped feels like a kneejerk reaction. At best. It's clear that the team management doesn't rate Arshdeep the ODI bowler as much as they rate his skills in the shortest format. But they picked the left-armer because of his death-overs nuance. "If Bumrah is not there, we wanted Arshdeep to do it," Rohit added in the same press conference in January. So why was the 26-year-old sat on the bench in the first two ODIs if the role for him was to ape Bumrah's in case of the latter's unavailability? Considering the original plan was to leave Harshit behind, why has he enjoyed more gametime than the left-armer? On a good batting surface at Ahmedabad on Wednesday, Shreyas once again displayed his prowess as a boundary-hitter through the middle overs. Since the beginning of 2023, he strikes at 114.68 (best for a No. 4) and hits a four or a six once every 7.3 deliveries, putting him in the elite bracket. Yet, only Virat Kohli's swollen knee in the series opener kept the incumbent in his rightful place, a happy accident if ever there was one. "You know what you want me to say," he had said when asked about Jaiswal potentially starting ahead of him in Nagpur. "But I'm going to keep it low-key and cherish this moment, the victory today."

It's true. Wins by a margin of four wickets and 68 balls (Nagpur), four wickets and 33 balls (Cuttack) and 142 runs (Ahmedabad) over by and large a first-choice England set-up is worthy of praise. Their performances in all three games have been clinical, a degree of ruthless professionalism one usually tends to associate with champion teams. Apart from the start of England's batting in all three games, India have lorded over their opponents in all three primary skillsets.

Performance wise, Sharma & Co. couldn't have asked for a better tune-up to the Champions Trophy. Yet, their planning and squad construction has left room for more questions than answers.

Dream run: Old pals Nizar & Azhar help Kerala enter semis

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

WHEN Jammu and Kashmir left-arm spinner Abid Mushtaq dismissed Aditya Sarwate in the 84th over, Kerala, with only four wickets remaining, had to see off more than 40 overs to draw their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal tie in Pune on Wednesday. The equation was clear. Thanks to their one-run first innings lead, Kerala needed a draw while J&K had to secure a win to progress to the semifinals.

It was then the 30-year-old Mohammed Azharuddeen joined Salman Nizar, 27, in the middle. A long partnership was the need of the hour and who else was better suited for the job than the duo of Azharuddeen and Nizar, whose long association dates back to 2011 when they first met at the now defunct KCA Elite Academy in Kochi.

The two grinded out for more than 42 overs to deny their opponents an outright win and help Kerala into their only second semifinal of the premier domestic tournament. In the process, Nizar (44 off 162 balls) and Azhar (118-ball 67) also stitched together an unbroken 115-run partnership for the seventh wicket. The last time Kerala played in a Ranji semifinal was in 2018-19 when they lost the match to the eventual champions Vidarbha. Bijumon N, who was in-charge of the Elite Academy in 2011, never had an iota of doubt on the potential of his wards — Nizar and Azhar — and says it's good to see them becoming saviours of the state team after so many years. "Azhar joined Kottayam academy while Salman was selected for Kochi in 2009. In 2011, they came together to be a part of the Elite Academy in its inaugural year in Kochi. We had a talented bunch of budding cricketers then and I am really proud to see them representing the state and also helping the team to enter the semifinal," Bijumon, who has now joined Coaching Beyond in Odisha, said.

Nizar and Azhar made their Ranji debut in 2015 though a season apart but the latter leaped ahead with blitzkrieg

Kerala players after entering the semifinal of Ranji Trophy | KCA

knocks in T20s that eventually landed him an IPL contract. The duo blew hot and cold in first-class cricket but managed to stay in contention even 10 years later with useful contributions, even though it was sporadic. However, the ongoing Ranji season has turned out to be a breakout one for Nizar as he first slammed his maiden first-class century against Bihar in the league stage before hitting an unbeaten 112 and adding 81 runs with Basil Thampi (15) for the 10th wicket against J&K to give his side a single-run lead which proved decisive in the end. "I have always felt Nizar didn't get enough opportunities in the past. This season he not only got the opportunities he deserved but he also made full use of them. He is an all-format player and even led Kerala in the Vijay Hazare Trophy. If given an opportunity, he can prove to be an utility player in the IPL as well," added Bijumon.

Nizar was adjudged Player of the Match for his two unbeaten knocks. "We believed in ourselves and took it (partnership) through the blocks of 10 runs each. J&K bowlers made our task tough. It was a similar approach we had adopted in the first innings," said Nizar after the match.

Hopefully, the partnership continues to prosper when Kerala take on Gujarat in the first semifinal scheduled to be held in Ahmedabad from February 17 to 21.

Brief scores: J& K 280 & 399/9 decl drew with Kerala 281 & 295/6 in 126 overs (Salman Nizar 44 n.o, Mohammed Azharuddeen 67 n.o, Sachin Baby 48, Akshay Chandran 48; Sahil Lotra 2/50). **Semifinal line-up (Feb 17-21):** Kerala vs Gujarat, Ahmedabad; Vidarbha vs Mumbai, Nagpur

Bold-play concert: Gill symphony enthralls thousands in Ahmedabad

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Ahmedabad

BY all accounts, the Coldplay concert at the Narendra Modi Stadium in the last week of January was box office. With the British band playing some of their greatest hits — Fix You, Yellow and Viva la Vida — the more than one lakh who had turned up from all India went back with a smile plastered on their faces. That Jasprit Bumrah made an unannounced appearance sometime during the show only added to the vibes.

On Wednesday, some three weeks after Chris Martin had got the stadium grooving, it was the turn of Shubman Gill to produce a boundary-hitting masterclass in front of fans who are used to seeing the opener bat like this on a regular basis (he skippers the Gujarat franchise

Shubman Gill celebrates his century as India beat England by 142 runs | AP

in the Indian Premier League).

By the time he was done, he produced a timely reminder as to why the 50-over format is his meat and drink. In the process, he also showed his employers why they were initially wrong to pencil him in the middle-order not only for the series against England but also for the upcoming Champions Trophy in Dubai (as per the original plan, Yashasvi Jaiswal was going to be Rohit Sharma's partner up top). On a day of abundant sunshine, Gill, 25, displayed why his batting is best suited to the needs of this format. He identified a potential problem, took his time to troubleshoot before using the tools at his disposal. The end result? One of the very few batters to have scored 100s across all three formats in a single ground.

When Gill walked out with Rohit Sharma 30 minutes after Jos Buttler had called correctly — the England captain was conscious of the dew in these parts at this time of the year —the swing on offer was plenty. With Mark Wood and Saqib Mahmood challenging both edges on a periodical basis (some of the deliveries were 140kph leg-breaks), both batters had to adapt on the fly. Rohit soon perished but Gill had seen enough. He started walking down the track to negate the movement on offer. Those first few overs weren't as fluent as he was 11 off 18 (2x4). The rest (101 off 84)? Woof.

The thing with Gill's batting is even when he's not at his best, he finds the boundary with alarming regularity. Since the beginning of 2023, he's second in the list for most fours (222), runs (1900) and the only regular opener to average 60+ while striking at over 100. That right there is the complete package in this format; a consistent opener who scores a chunk of his runs in boundaries (in the time period in question, he has made 60% of his 1900 runs in hits to or above the fence). It's this sort of robotic consistency the hosts were willing to overlook when they were contemplating giving a debut to Jaiswal two weeks before the Champions Trophy.

While his consistency may be robotic, there was nothing tedious about his mostly hedonistic 102-ball 112 (14x4, 3x6). It was aesthetically pleasing, like watching one of your favourite movies after lunch. You know most of the lines, you have seen it multiple times before but it's still arresting.

There was the touch late cut between keeper and short third man. There was the pull. There was the forceful cut to deep point. He even came down the wicket to both drive as well as loft the pacers. The only thing missing was his signature — the very unique short-arm jab between mid-wicket and mid-on off the quicker bowlers -- but it would be churlish to complain on a day like today.

Coldplay's Fix You is a song about grief. While a regular bilateral match cannot be compared to that tearful November night in 2023, Gill's century on India's return to the stadium for the first time since the World Cup final could have a similar effect.

BRIEF SCORES: India 356 in 50 ovs (Shubman Gill 112, Virat Kohli 52, Shreyas Iyer 78, Adil Rashid 4/64) **bt** England 214 in 34.2 ovs (Tom Banton 38; Arshdeep Singh 2/33, Harshit Rana 2/31, Axar Patel 2/22).

EXPRESS READ

Manu 2nd in nat'l trials, Swapnil triumphs

NEW DELHI: Double Olympic Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker finished second in women's 25m pistol in her return to competitive shooting after Paris Olympics as Rhythm Sangwan emerged winner in the event on Day 5 of the Rifle/Pistol National Selection Trials (Group A) here. Swapnil Kusale and Arya Rajesh Borse won the men's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) T1 and the women's 10m air rifle T2 events at Dr Karni Singh Shooting range (DKSSR) here.

FA Cup: Forest beat Exeter on penalties

EXETER: Nottingham Forest survived a huge scare to beat 10-man Exeter on penalties after a 2-2 draw, setting up an all-Premier League FA Cup clash against Ipswich. Chris Wood, Morgan Gibbs-White and Elliot Anderson all scored from the spot before Neco Williams wrapped up a marathon tie with the final kick of the contest at 23:03 GMT. Josh Magennis and Tony Yogane were on target, but Matz Sels saved Reece Cole's poor penalty.

Indian shuttlers post big victory over Macau

QINGDAO (CHINA): India beat Macau 5-0 in their opening group D tie of the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship here on Wednesday. With this outcome, India are now assured of a quarterfinal berth. They will next face Korea in their second and final group tie on Thursday. The mixed doubles pair of Sathish Kumar Karunakaran and Aadya Variyath won the first tie to set the tone. Lakshya Sen and Malvika Bansod sealed the deal.

MOC meet: Pruning TOPS list core issue

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

FINALLY, the Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) had a more intense meeting on Tuesday. The newly-constituted MOC had its first meeting that was seen more as an orientation in early January but on Tuesday seemed to be intense where important decisions had been taken. The focus was LA 2028 and as pointed out by this newspaper, they are already six months late. The Paris Olympics got over in August.

Some of the agendas of the MOC meeting were to "finalise TOPS Core and Development groups; performance review timeline; processes of hiring coaches and support staff and emphasis on hiring of Olympic world level athletes as coaches; payment of OPA to TOPS athletes, etc". Since the end of the Olympics and modest performance of India, eyes were on the weeding out process of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) athletes in both Core and Development group. At the time of Paris, the list included a total of 179 athletes including 59 para-athletes. Among the 120 Core Olympic athletes, 32 track and field athletes and 26 shooters were on the list. The MOC and the TOPS had been considering athletes' request on a case-to-case basis. TOPS is sports ministry's flagship programme to assist country's top athletes.

The TOPS list is expected to be trimmed and if sources are to be believed it could be around 50 athletes each in Olympic sports. As pointed out, TOPS needs to take a hard decision on non-performers. The Development group too might see new names though the numbers will remain more than Core group. Creating a healthy bench strength is what the officials are looking at. In all likelihood there could be at least two or three top squash players' names in Core group as the sport is considered as medal hopes in the LA 2028.

This list was being re-assessed and redrawn after the new TOPS Chief Executive Officer (CEO) NS Johal assumed office in December, close to five months after the Olympics. The TOPS had been working on evaluation mechanism as well. According to some MOC members, who attended the meeting, one of the primary topics of discussion as expected was TOPS athletes' assessment. It is understood that there was a proposal to evaluate athletes on a six monthly basis. However, the members felt this would be a very short period for some sport. Though most agreed that some kind of mechanism should be in place to assess them constantly but for weeding out or promotion a year would be more appropriate. As of now that period was two years. What should be the criteria too need to be seen. Like pointed out by this daily, TOPS needs to take a fresh look into its systems and processes. In the last Olympic cycle, this programme seemed to have gone into overdrive to fund athletes. There were occasions when it looked like players controlling TOPS rather than TOPS monitoring their performances.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Real late show exposes City's decline

AGENCIES @Manchester

REAL Madrid once again twisted the knife into Pep Guardiola's Manchester City to compound a troubled season for the English champions and leave them on the brink of an early Champions League exit. Twice City led at the Etihad as Erling Haaland finally came to the party against the Spanish giants with his first two goals in five games against Madrid.

But the Norwegian's goals cannot paper over the glaring cracks for City this season. Madrid had been wasteful for 85 minutes and would have headed home cursing their finishing but for a late flourish. Brahim Diaz netted against this former club just seconds

Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham (R) rejoices with teammates | AP

after coming off the bench before Jude Bellingham, on his return to England, tapped home the winner in stoppage time after another City defensive calamity. City have now conceded eight goals in the final 15 minutes of their last five Champions League games. Late goals have also been a problem for Guardiola in the Premier League, where City sit a distant 15 points behind leaders Liverpool. Despite winning just three of their eight previous Champions League games this season, City sneaked into the play-off round on the final night of the league phase. However, they paid the price for finishing 22nd in the 36-team table by being paired with the 15-time European champions.

The clubs are facing off for the fourth consecutive season in the Champions League. Madrid came out on top in two of the previous three ties, but on each occasion their trip to the Etihad was a chastening one.

This time it was a different story, long before the late twist in the tale.

FC Goa sink Mumbai City

ENS @Chennai

IKER Guarrotxena scored a first-half double as FC Goa recorded a 3-1 win over Mumbai City FC in the Indian Super League at the Mumbai Football Arena in Mumbai on Wednesday. The three points is a big welcome for Goa, who are currently placed second in the standings. With 39 points from 20 games, they are now seven points behind leaders Mohun Bagan. Guarrotxena opened the scoring with a brilliant individual effort in the 24th minute. He shuffled across several defenders just outside the box and unleashed a shot beyond the reach of Mumbai's Phurba Lachenpa.

Day of records as Yadav claims javelin gold

AGENCIES @Dehradun

JAVELIN thrower Sachin Yadav of Uttar Pradesh, 18-year-old high jumper Pooja Singh of Haryana and long distance runner Sawan Barwal of Himachal Pradesh rewrote National Games records and won gold medals on the concluding day of athletics competition here on Wednesday.

In the absence of the likes of Neeraj Chopra and Kishore Jena, 25-year-old Yadav sent his spear to a Games-record distance of 84.39m in his fifth attempt to win the gold and establish himself as one of the top javelin throwers in the country. He bettered the earlier Games record of 82.23m set by Rajinder Singh in the 2015 edition. "My goal was to achieve the World Athletics automatic qualification mark (85.50m) but missed it," Yadav said at the post-event interaction. "I'm close to my goal and should be able to achieve 85.50m in the next competition." Yadav's 84.39m now ranks as the fifth career-best throw by an Indian after Chopra (89.94m), Jena (87.54m), Shivpal Singh (86.23m) and Davinder Singh Kang (84.57m).

Uttar Pradesh swept the medals with Rohit Yadav winning the silver with a performance of 80.47m while statemate Vikash Sharma took home the bronze with 79.33m.

Javelin thrower Sachin Yadav

Daughter of a mason from Fatehbad district of Haryana, Pooja cleared 1.84m to defend the women's high jump gold she had won in the 2023 edition, bettering the earlier Games record of 1.83m set by Swapna Barman of West Bengal in the 2022 edition. Gobika K of Tamil Nadu won the silver after clearing 1.79m while Abhinaya Shetty (1.77m) of Karnataka took home the bronze.Barwal won the men's 5000m in a time of 13 minute and 45.93 seconds, bettering the earlier Games record of 13:50.05s set by G Lakshmanan of Services in the 2015 edition.

Other Results: Men's 400m hurdles: Ruchit Mori (Gujarat) - 50.97 seconds; Hardeep Kumar (Punjab) - 51.02 seconds; Rohan Kamble (Maharashtra) 51.77 seconds. Women's shot put: Jasmine Kaur (Punjab) - 15.97m; Vidhi (Uttar Pradesh) 15.46m, Srishti Vig (Delhi) - 15.46m. Women's 5000m: Ankita Dhyani (Uttarakhand) - 15:56.03; Sanjivani Jadhav (Maharashtra) - 15:59.12; Poonam Sonune (Maharashtra) - 16:53.52. 4X400m Mixed Relay: Kerala (3:25.35); Maharashtra (3:25.66); Punjab (3:26.35).

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Government of Karnataka

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DOCUMENTS LOST

I, **P UMADEVI**, residing at No. 303, 4th floor, Green House Apartment, 3rd Main, 1st Cross Road, Annaiah Reddy Layout, Dodda Banaswadi, Bangalore do hereby inform to the general public that on 30-01-2025, while I was travelling from Kalyan Nagar to Dodda Banaswadi, I have lost the document of Sale Deed, vide Doc. No. 1748/15-16 pertaining to my property. Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 01-02-2025, I had lodged online complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, vide Lost Report No. 1457670/2025. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on **9916163158**.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR.
AT-CHANDIKHOL, PO- SUNGUDA, JAJPUR -755044,
Tel No. 0671-2444488, Email-serw_kpd@yahoo.com

Office Order - 264 **Date:- 11.02.2025**

CANCELLATION OF TENDER

O-1465: Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Tender Invited by this Office Bid Identification NO. **Tender Online RCK - 04/25,** vide this office Letter No. - 197, Dtd. 01.02.2025 **"Impvt. to Road & CD works of Bari to Binjharpur Road" in the Dist. of Jajpur under MMSY-Impvt. to Existing RD Roads for the year 2024-25** bearing Sl No.08 of said notice is here by cancelled.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
OIPR-25129/11/0033/2425 **Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur**

Government of Odisha
Information & Public Relations Department
Lok Sampark Bhawan, Bhubaneswar

Z-
No. 2661 /I&PR,Bhubaneswar, Dated: 12-02-25

Selection of Agency for Digitization, Restoration, Development & Implementation of Enterprise Archival Solution of Legacy Photos (Old & New Formats), Audio (Old & New Formats), Film Content (Old & New Formats) & Video (Old & New Formats)

1. **Director,I&PR Department**. Govt. of Odisha(The Client) invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from the eligible bidders for Digitization, Restoration, Development & Implementation of Enterprise Archival Solution of Legacy Photos (Old & New Formats), Audio (Old & New Formats), Film Content (Old & New Formats) & Video (Old & New Formats)
2. Scope of work, eligibility requirement and other details may be seen in the website of I&PR Department www.inpr.odisha.gov.in/ website of Govt. of Odisha http://www.odisha.gov.in The RFP document may be downloaded from either.
3. Last date for receipt of sealed proposal is dtd 20-02-2025 at 5:30 P.M
4. Opening of RFP on dtd. 24-02-2025 at 11:30 AM in the office of the Director, I&PR, Lok Sampark Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar. PIN – 751001.

BIDDER'S DATA SHEET:

Sl. No. NoNosLNO	Information	Details
1	**Bid Inviting Authority**	The Director, I&PR Department, Govt of Odisha
2	**Correspondence Address**	Lok Sampark Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751001 Telephone No- 2394890 Email: iprodisha@gmail.com
3	**Method of Selection**	Quality and Cost Based Selection i.e. QCBS (70:30) method shall be used to select the bidder. The bidder is required to submit the bids General (Pre-qualification), Technical & Financial bid separately in inside a single envelop mentioning the bid no. on or before date and time of submission. Financial bid of those bidders who qualify in Technical Bid by scoring 80% mark or above shall be opened
4	**Bid Reference No. and Date**	2661 dt.12-02-2025
5	**Non-Refundable RFP Document Fee**	₹11,200/-(inclusive of 12% GST) Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Only in the form of Demand Draft drawn on any Nationalized Bank or Scheduled Commercial Bank in favor of "DDO-cum-Under Secretary to Govt. ", I & P R Department payable at Bhubaneswar. MSME registered firm are exempted
6	**Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)**	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of ₹20,00,000/- (Rupees Thwenty Lakh Only) in the form of Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee (BG)/FDR from any Government, Nationalized, and Schedule Commercial Bank, in favor of "DDO-cum-Under Secretary to Govt. "I & P R Department, payable at Bhubaneswar. The EMD of successful Bidder is liable to be forfeited if the Bidder revokes any terms of the tender within the validity period. EMDs given by unsuccessful Bidders will be refunded after placing of work order to the successful Bidder. *Note: Firms registered under MSE (Micro & Small) shall be exempted of the EMD cost on submission of valid registration certificate*
7	**Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid document**	20-02-2025 at 5:30 P.M
8	**Address for Submission of Proposal**	The proposal must be submitted to: The Director Information & public Relation Department, Government of Odisha, Lok Sampark Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751001 Telephone No- 2394890 Email: iprodisha@gmail.com Mode of submission: Speed Post/Registered Post/Courior Service/Drop in the box installed at Loka Sampark Bhawan, Bhubaneswar during the office hour only. Submission of proposal through any other mode and late proposal will be rejected.
9	Opening of Commercial Bid	To be informed

OIPR- 15001/11/0425/2425 **Sd/- Director, I&PR**

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e - TENDER NOTICE

The TGTransco invites online Bids under e-procurement for supply of the following items

Sl.No.	Name of the work	Specification No.
1	132kV 70kN & 120kN SRC Insulators	TGPMM22 - 04/2025
2	220kV 70kN & 120kN SRC Insulators	TGPMM22 - 05/2025
3	70kN & 120kN Anti Fog Disc Insulators	TGPMM22 - 06/2025

Tenderers can have further details and download the tender schedule from e-procurement market place i.e., **www.tender.telangana.gov.in. Contact Nos.: CHIEF ENGINEER/P&MM, TGTransco, Phone: 040-23396000 (Extn.: 3487/3583/3460/3332) 040-23303736, www.tgtransco.com**

DIPR R.O. No.: 998-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25 **Sd/- Chief Engineer/P&MM**

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HANUMANTHNAGAR BRANCH : #634 /61-99, 6 Main, 4 Cross, Dr. Shivaram Karanth Road, Hanumanthnagar, Bangalore - 560 019 Tel.No. 080- 22959481 / 22959482, Fax No. 080-26600424 E-Mail Id : hanumanthngr.karnataka@bankofindia.co.in

[Rule –8 (1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12), read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **02-12-2024** calling upon the borrowers **Mr. Vinod S and Mrs. Ragini S** both residing at No. 32/1/1 1st Cross 4th Main 4th Block Opposite to Arpitha Agency Thyagarajnagar Bangalore 560010 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 18,78,594.01 (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Four and Paise One)** for **Loan Against Property (849062610000245)** along with further interest @11.25% p.a. from 28.11.2024, costs expenses and monthly rests/ submission of required documents for review within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the **10.02.2025.**

The borrowers/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India for an amount of **Rs. 18,78,594.01** and interest thereon.

The borrowers/guarantor attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Schedule A Property: All that piece and parcel of the PORTION 'A' of residential Site bearing No. 32/1, situated at 4th Main, 4th Block, Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru, under jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 154 having BBMP PID no. 51-94-32/1, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 20 feet, in total 400 sq feet owned by Mrs. Ragini S and **bounded on: East by:** 5 ft. passage & Gangamma's Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Subramani's Property **South by:** Smt. Radha's Property

Place : Bangalore **(Sd/-) Chief Manager & Authorized Officer**
Date : 10.02.2025 **Bank of India**

Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd.
Head Office : 87/1, H.B. Samaj Road, Gandhi Bazaar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004.
Ph : 26676837, Fax : 26606135, E-mail : scscb.helpdesk@sreecharanbank.com, web : www.sreecharanbank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY [Refer Proviso to Rule 8(6)]

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Smt. Kanakamani W/o. Sri. Ramakrishnan.K.S, No. 3442, VBHBSC Layout, Hosakerehalli Cross, Girinagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085 and **(2) Sri. Suman K.R.** S/o. Sri. Ramakrishnan .K.S, No. 3449, VBHBSC Layout, Hosakerehalli Cross, Girinagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, and the **Guarantors : (1) Sri. Mohan K.R.** S/o. Sri. Ramakrishnan .K.S, No. 3449, VBHBSC Layout, Hosakerehalli Cross, Girinagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085. and **(2) Smt. Deepashree .S** W/o. Sri. Suman K.R. No. 3442, VBHBSC Layout, Hosakerehalli Cross, Girinagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085.

Loan Account No. IPL20190005, IPL EMI 20210001 & SBL EMI 20210001, Total Outstanding Amount : **Rs. 4,23,57,099/-** (Rupees Four Crores Twenty Three Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Ninety Nine Only) as on 31.01.2025

Description of the Properties	Reserve Price Secured debt EMD Price	Date and Place of Public Auction
All that piece and parcel of the western portion of the house property in Site No. 3450 and 3451, New Municipal No. 3450/3451, Vishwabharathi HBCS, Girinagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru, having PID No. 54-452-3450/3451, carved in Survey No. 16, 17, 18, 19 of Gerahalli Village and 101, 103/1, 103/2, 104/1, 104/2, 105, and 106 of Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, formed by Vishwabharathi House Building Co-operative Society Limited in the IV Phase of Girinagar, Bengaluru-560085, now within the limits of BBMP Old Ward No. 54, New Ward No.162, measuring East to West : (38.30 + 28.60) / 2 feet and North to South : (42.00 + 40.60) / 2 feet, in all measuring 1416.58 square feet, Together with House building thereon and **bounded on the : East by :** Eastern portion of the Site No.3450 and 3451, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Part of Site No. 3452, 3453, and 3454, **South by :** Road.	**Reserve Price Rs. 1,94,00,000/-** **EMD Price Rs. 19,40,000/-**	**17.03.2025 11.30 a.m.** **Head Office, SREE CHARAN SOUHARDHA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.**

Terms and Conditions of the Auction : (1) The Tender form can be collected from **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd. Head Office :** No.87/1, H B Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. (ph. 080-26676837) on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** Bengaluru- payable at Bengaluru. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** Bengaluru latest by 15.03.2025 before 4.30 P M. Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at 11.30 AM on 17.03.2025 **(8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% OF THE SALE PRICE (INCLUSIVE OF EMD)immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and - 5.00 PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION". The intending bidder SHALL SATISFY HIM SELF about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **(15)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(16)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers /Guarantors / Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the **Authorised Officer, Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd.** Head Office: No. 87/1, H B Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property Contact (ph. 080-26676837) E-Mail: loans.ho@sreecharanbank.com / manager.holoans@sreecharanbank.com

Date : 12.02.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Sree Charan Souharda Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore - 560 004.**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
CANAL CIRCLE ,BURLA.
e-Procurement notice no.-ACECCB-03/2024-25
A-1055 **Bid Identification No.– ACECCB-03/2024-25**

1	Type of the work	:	Road Work
2	No of works	:	1(One) no.
3	Class of contractor	:	"A" & "B" class
4	Bid identification No	:	ACECCB-03/2024-25
5	Estimated cost	:	Rs.248.16 Lakhs (Approx)
6	Period of completion	:	11 (Eleven) Calendar Months including rainy season
7	Date and time of availability of bid documents in the portal	:	Dt.14.02.2025 at 11.00 AM to Dt.02.03.2025 up to 5.30 PM.
8	Last date/ time for receipt of bids in the portal	:	Dt.02.03.2025 up to 5.30 PM.
9	Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)	:	Dt. 03.03.2025 at 11.30 AM, O/o Additional Chief Engineer, Canal Circle, Burla
10	Date of opening of Financial Bid (Cover-II)	:	To be intimated later
11	Name and Address of the Officer inviting Bid	:	Additional Chief Engineer, Canal Circle, Burla-768017 Email Id: aceccburla12@gmail.com

1. Any addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation/ erratum of tender can also be seen in the said Website.
2. Further details can be seen from Government Website http://tenderodisha.gov.in.

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DAY'S DIARY

Nepal Civil war

On this day in 1996, the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (CPN-M) launched the Nepalese Civil War in the Kingdom of Nepal

WARZONE

The war, also known as the Maoist Insurgency, was a protracted armed conflict that spanned from 1996 to 2006 in Nepal and began with attacks on three police posts

PRE PLANNING

Even before the Maoists launched their 'people's war' in February 1996, the government had begun efforts to root out its most radical critics

AIM OF THE MAOISTS

In statements, Maoists claim to be aiming for a democratic communist state. Their rhetoric is considerably more radical and rigidly dogmatic

CE's guide to happenings in the city

PG 2

K-Pop girl group World inka Stage Hai (W.i.S.H), creators of the ICC T20 Women's Cricket World Cup theme song, to perform in B'luru...

ANJALI RAM

✓WISHLIST

Clockwise from top left: Simran Duggal Zoe Siddharth, Riya Duggal & Suchita Shirke

IF you ask someone to name a few Indian bands, the answer might come quickly but a few Indian girl-bands might take a while. After all, all-girl bands in the Indian music landscape are not a common phenomenon. Brainchild of New Zealand-based composer and creator Mikey McCleary, World inka Stage Hai (W.i.S.H) is indeed breaking these odds. Those whose favourite pastime is scrolling through social media reels have probably come across W.i.S.H's 126,000-follower account showcasing their catchy songs or them doing trendy dances. Now, the group, who created *Whatever It Takes*, the theme song for ICC T20 Women's Cricket World Cup, will be performing in the city at Phoenix Market City for Jingle Land music festival on Saturday.

It was McClearly's many creative collaborations and scouting through the internet that eventually led him to Ri (Riya Duggal), Sim (Simran Duggal), Suchi (Suchita Shirke), and Zo (Zoe Siddharth); the four pillars of W.i.S.H. Ever since their debut in 2024, with *Lazeez*, their first single, the band's music has been familiar among many indie-pop lovers. Blending Indian elements into international music, their songs are a mix of English and Hindi.

Their songwriting process is rooted in their creative conversations – throwing around themes and writing to the beat, while McCleary joins virtually. "There's always a fine balance to be achieved when fusing two different styles. Our approach so far has been to have Indian melodies over Western production styles to maintain connection with audiences. We listen to the global trends and subconsciously write in the way that fits the space." says Ri. She credits it to the friendship the girls share too, saying, "We find inspiration in the mundane things! Some songs were born out of mini therapy sessions we had with each other – about anything and everything."

Foodies at heart, Bengaluru is special for the band. "There's something about the energy of the people, the weather and delicious food – whenever we're here, we eat benne masala dosa and podi idli. Our fondest memory here is our first show in December performing for thousands of people," says Sim. As for their upcoming performance in Bengaluru, its sure to be a blast, according to Suchi, who says, "We are super excited to show our fans what we have prepared, especially for the first-timers. Bengalureans are going to witness a show where they will crave to come back for more."

Looking at the current landscape of Indian music, the band notes the mainstream dominance of Bollywood music and male artistes. "There hasn't been a girl group in over 23 years, and we aim to make way for a new commercial pop genre in India so that more artists can make music that people can dance to. We hope to go global too," says Zo.

Currently working on their fifth single, the band aspires to achieve bigger milestones, "We want more girl groups, boy bands, performers who sing, dance and make music from India to take over globally. We want to create this space in the industry," says Sim. Echoing the sentiment, Zo adds, "We dream big and don't limit ourselves with our vision so hopefully a Grammy sometime."

Cinema With Purpose

Film clubs are keeping Bluru's film scene alive by platforming indie films and community screenings

ANUBHAB ROY

INDIAN film, if it can be brought down to an industrial homogeneity, is an entity that often creates its own perils. With the Film Federation of India proverbially shooting itself in the foot by snubbing Payal Kapadia's *All We Imagine As Light* for the Oscars, Bollywood on the other hand seems to have admitted a quiet death whose primary symptom is characterised by a regurgitation of old films.

With such a saturation, the discerning Indian audience is left with little hope. This is precisely the context where the need of a collective which understands cinema, art, and human necessities, is felt the most. Film clubs in B'luru, perhaps under the radars of most in the city, have been working with a common ambition to keep cinema alive. The genesis of most of them can be traced around or after the pandemic. Vinayak Bhat, founder, Bangalore Film Forum, says, "This 'thing' started after the pandemic. Before the pandemic I would go to local film societies, film clubs, and not all of them come back after it. It felt that was the right moment [to start my organisation]."

Nikhil Waiker, founder, Parallel Cinema Club locates the origin of his club to a simple, communal love for cinema, saying, "There was no particular directive when it started back in March '21. It was a bunch of friends with access to a science auditorium and we just watched films we liked. As a club, we explore themes around art, film movements, directors etc, thereby making the curation a complete unit of itself."

Anand Varadaraj who is an executive committee member at Suchitra Film Society, one of the oldest film organisations in the city, states that 'being part of Suchitra helped me understand the film festival space'. He continues, "I focused on inclusivity, ensuring films represented diverse communities, and facilitated screenings, workshops, and discussions to make the club both an artistic and educational hub. A mix of grassroots outreach, leveraging technology, and offering niche content attracted participants and filmmakers."

No organisation can exist without an ethics of conduct, and film clubs are no exception. Varadaraj shares this vision clearly, "Encouraging ethical consumption involves fostering awareness about the origins and implications of the art we consume. This could include hosting post-screening discussions to highlight themes like representation, copyright ethics, or the exploitation of marginalised groups, celebrating the authenticity of regional voices, which are often overshadowed by mainstream cinema, urging audiences to value original narratives over mindless remakes, and supporting critics who spotlight ethical practices."

Waiker, whose The Parallel Cinema Club has garnered traction in Bengaluru and Hyderabad, understands keenly the role of film in community building. "Film societies should be a place for people to come and appreciate films while they sit together." He also seeks to work closely with educational institutions and establish similar frameworks. "The intent with collaborating with colleges is that we can help colleges and universities set up and maintain ecosystems of students introducing themselves to what cinema can be outside of their own curriculum or what they generally watch," he says.

Attendees at Bangalore Film Forum

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'.** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Seshadri Iyer Memorial Hall; 2) KR Circle; 3) MG Road

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1)Murali S L ; 2) K Raghavendra Pai; 3)Usha Sankar

CITY READ

Bank awards exemplary students

Bank of Baroda, in association with MES College, Malleswaram, honoured three outstanding students for their excellence in academics, sports and all-round capabilities with the Baroda Achievers Award 2024-25 on February 11. Zonal head Shri Inder Mohan Singh and Dy GM Shri Shailendra Kumar Singh presented cheques of ₹31,000 to each winner. The event was attended by Dilip Mavinkurve (vice president), KM Raghavendran (chief executive) and D Usha Rani (principal) along with other officials from MES College and Bank of Baroda.

Bengaluru's Metro Transformed into a Tribute to Its Everyday Heroes

EXPRESS FEATURES

BIOCON Foundation has unveiled a breathtaking public art spectacle, turning over 50 Metro pillars between Huskur Gate and Biocon Hebbagodi Metro Station into dazzling masterpieces of Channapatna art! This extraordinary initiative, Pillars of Bengaluru – Celebrating Everyday Champions, honours the unsung heroes who breathe life into the city – flower sellers, electricians, cobblers, doctors, nurses, musicians, scientists, IT professionals, aerospace engineers, and more.

Each pillar is a vibrant canvas showcasing the spirit of Bengaluru, capturing the essence of those who keep the city thriving. With its fusion of tradition and modernity, this project transforms the Metro corridor into an open-air gallery, celebrating the resilience, talent, and relentless spirit of Bengaluru's people like never before.

Dr Anupama Shetty, Mission Director, Biocon Foundation, shares the vision behind this groundbreaking initiative: "Our project 'Pillars of Bengaluru' is a one-of-a-kind initiative that has transformed the Metro corridor between Huskur Gate and Biocon Hebbagodi into a vibrant landscape. By transforming a functional urban space into a cultural showcase, the project invokes a sense of pride and connection among citizens while offering a visually enriching experience to commuters and passersby. This artistic endeavour re-imagines over 50 metro pillars as colourful canvases that celebrate the true spirit of Bengaluru by depicting the everyday champions who form the backbone of the city. From street vendors and auto drivers to tech professionals and artists, these illustrations bring to life the diverse community that gives Bengaluru its unique identity. The project pays tribute to such unsung individuals."

This project isn't just about beautification – it's about igniting a sense of pride, connection, and admiration for the unsung individuals who make the city truly extraordinary.

VENUES ACROSS THE CITY HAVE A RANGE OF INDULGENCES ON OFFER TO MAKE YOUR VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL

Valentine Varieties

LOVE is in the air with Valentine's Day right around the corner and it's the perfect time to celebrate it in all its forms – with your partner, friends, or even just yourself. Whether you're planning a cosy evening, splurging on gourmet delights, or treating yourself, here are some ways to celebrate the season of love.

(Compiled by Abiya Justina Babu)

Heartfelt Delight

Sweeten your day with a bite of limited-edition treats, including the strawberry jamboree with pecan shortbread, whipped cream, and strawberries. Indulge in truffle cupcakes filled with chocolate truffle, floral cupcakes, chocolate-covered strawberry brownie bites, and mini cakes with Valentine's designs.

WHEN: February 13 to 16
WHERE: Magnolia Bakery, Indiranagar
CALL: 96067 46364

Sweet Romance

Embrace decadence with creamy burrata, seared lobster linguine, and harissa braised chicken, paired with desserts like cherry tart and ruby chocolate mousse cake. Complete the experience with crafted cocktails like love story and blush of love.

WHEN: Until February 26 **WHERE:** Smoke House Deli, Indiranagar **CALL:** 080 2520 0899

Love Plated

Take the classic route with a menu of timeless flavours. Start with gahat ka aark or kachalu ki chaat. Relish mains like kafuli saag, attari murgh, and dhanaulti meat, paired with fresh breads. End with sweet delights like gud ke maan or jhangore ki kheer.

WHEN: February 14
WHERE: LOYA at Taj West End, Race Course Road
CALL: 80666 05660

Dine Love

This Valentine's, indulge in chocolate-dipped strawberries, creamy mushroom risotto, heart-shaped desserts, soulful live music and Cupid-inspired cocktails like coconut crush. End the night under the stars with an outdoor film and a buffet of European classics and Indian favourites.

WHEN: February 14, 7pm
WHERE: MCafe, Alto Vino and Pool Side Lawns, Marriott Hotel, Whitefield
CALL: 080 49435000

Romantic Retreat

Give your valentine a magical evening by the poolside, surrounded by lush greenery and starlit skies. Indulge in delights like wasabi tempura, mustard-baked fish, or spinach ricotta dumplings, paired with herbed pilaf and fresh breads. Conclude with strawberry brazo gitano and velvety tiramisu for a truly romantic experience. **WHEN:** February 14, 7pm **WHERE:** Poolside, ITC Windsor, Vasanth Nagar **CALL:** 080 2226 9898

Sugar & Spice

This Valentine's, savour the magic of opposites with pookie berry, a sweet strawberry custard donut, and pookie peri, a fiery peri-peri delight. Available in stores and online, these treats celebrate love with every bite.

WHEN: February 13 onwards **WHERE:** All Mad Over Donuts outlets **DETAILS:** madoverdonuts.com

Luxe Love

This Valentine's, immerse yourself in a world of love and luxury with indulgent spa treatments, and thoughtful details like fresh blossoms and handcrafted confections. Enhance your day with a champagne high tea or signature cocktails by the tranquil poolside, creating unforgettable memories of romance and relaxation.

WHEN: Until February 28
WHERE: The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Ashok Nagar
CALL: 7875158958

Flavour Affair

Enjoy lavish buffets, four-course meals, and live music at signature restaurants offering Italian, Oriental, Japanese, and Indian cuisines. Unwind at level 19 with skyline views, handcrafted cocktails, or surprise your loved one with rose-shaped cakes and bouquets. Relax with Valentine's specials at Chi, The Spa, featuring treatments with soothing add-ons.

WHEN: Until February 28
WHERE: Shangri-La Bengaluru, Vasanth Nagar
CALL: 72290 26737

How to master exams with a calm mind

DR NEERAJ H

As the board exams approach, students often find themselves grappling with mounting stress. The key to effective readiness for exams is to start early and adopt practical, manageable strategies to minimise stress and optimise performance.

Lifestyle factors

Many students underestimate the impact of lifestyle factors on their cognitive function and overall well-being. To perform at your best, consider creating a basic routine that incorporates the following:

- **Exercise & movement:** Engage in at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily to boost concentration and relieve stress.
- **Hydration & nutrition:** Eat balanced meals while staying hydrated.
- **Sleep hygiene:** Aim for 7-9 hours of sleep each night, maintaining a consistent bedtime and routine.

Planning study timetable

A well-structured study plan is crucial for effective exam preparation. Here's how to design one:

- **Create a visual calendar**: Outline your exam dates and assignment deadlines on a large calendar placed in a visible location.
- **Set realistic goals:** Allocate specific hours per subject based on difficulty level and syllabus weightage.
- **Break it down:** Divide your study sessions into smaller topics or chapters to avoid overwhelming yourself.
- **Prioritise difficult topics first:** Begin with the most challenging subjects when your mind is fresh and alert.
- **Use the Pomodoro method:** This scientifically-proven technique involves studying in focused 25-minute blocks, followed by a 5-minute break. After four cycles, take a longer 15- to 30-minute break to recharge.

Optimal performance

Yerkes-Dodson Law explains that moderate levels of anxiety can enhance performance, while excessive stress can be counterproductive. Finding your 'optimal anxiety' zone is key to peak performance. Here's how one can do that:

- **Mild anxiety (low performance):** Too little stress leads to procrastination and lack of motivation.
- **Optimal anxiety (peak performance):** A moderate level of stress keeps you alert and engaged, boosting memory retention.
- **High anxiety (performance decline):** Excessive stress causes panic, forgetfulness, and burnout.

Avoiding procrastination & staying motivated

- **Minimise distractions:** Keep away from social media and gadgets during study hours.
- **Change your study environment:** A fresh setting can enhance focus.
- **Set time limits:** Use alarms to stick to planned study sessions.
- **Track your progress:** Maintain a checklist or whiteboard to mark completed topics, reinforcing motivation.
- **Use reward systems:** Incentivise your study efforts with small rewards, such as watching a movie after a solid study session.

Managing stress effectively

Incorporating relaxation techniques into your routine can help regulate stress. Useful methods include:

- **Mindfulness & sensory awareness:** Engage your senses in everyday tasks to ground yourself in the absolute present.
- **Short relaxation activities:** Take 10-minute breaks to listen to music, stretch, or practice deep breathing.
- **Stay connected:** Talking to loved ones or friends can provide emotional support and reduce anxiety.

Support from parents and teachers

Parents and teachers play a crucial role in helping students navigate the stress of exams. If you ever feel overwhelmed, remember that you are not alone.

For Parents:

- Always encourage a positive and supportive home environment.
- Help set realistic expectations for your child and avoid extra pressure.
- Ensure your child maintains a balanced routine, including breaks and recreational activities.
- Offer to discuss concerns and provide emotional support when needed.

For teachers:

- Do recognise the signs of student stress and duly provide encouragement.
- Offer flexible learning strategies and revision techniques for the students' benefit.
- Remind students that their well-being is a priority and that exams are just one part of their academic journey.

Final thoughts

Exam stress is inevitable. However, with structured planning, effective study techniques, and stress management strategies, one can navigate the period with confidence. Along with implementing these techniques consistently, one needs to always keep in mind that moderate stress can enhance performance, but excessive anxiety needs to be managed. And most importantly, never hesitate to seek help when needed. Parents, teachers, and loved ones have to support the children.

(The author is a consultant psychiatrist at Apollo Adlux Hospital, Angamaly)

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Beyond the Roses

Broken Heart Syndrome, the little-known condition that can, quite literally, break your heart

DR M SUDHAKAR RAO

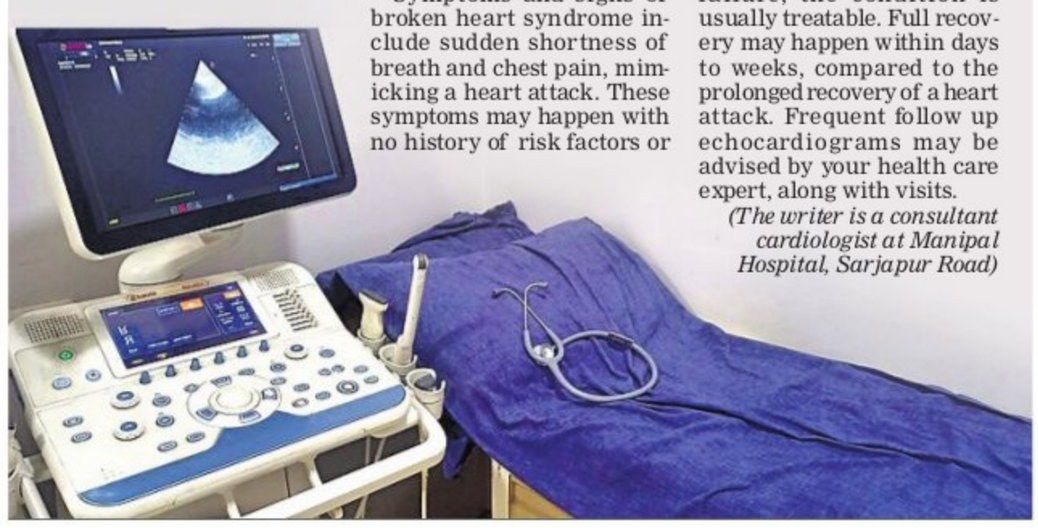
We all known that depression, mental health and heart diseases are interrelated. But in reality, a broken heart can lead to cardiac issues as well. Broken heart syndrome or stress cardiomyopathy or takotsubo syndrome is a life-threatening condition whose symptoms and signs mimic a heart attack. In this condition, the lower chamber of the heart, also called as left ventricle, dilates and enlarges, and makes it pump poorly.

Though this condition has been known for decades, according to recent research there has been a sharp increase in incidence mainly in women at or above 50. The condition arises due to a sudden surge in stress hormones – mainly epinephrine – in settings of emotional or physical stress, like the death of a loved one, physical separation, or breakup.

Symptoms and signs of broken heart syndrome include sudden shortness of breath and chest pain, mimicking a heart attack. These symptoms may happen with no history of risk factors or heart disease. Rare cases may include abnormal heart beat (arrhythmia) or low blood pressure (shock) which may be fatal. Though it closely mimics a heart attack, the onset of symptoms may be a clue to distinguish it from the same. Apart from that, blood tests (NTPROBNP and troponin), 2D-echocardiogram and normal arteries with no blockage on angiogram may provide clue to the same.

Though it can lead to severe and short-term heart failure, the condition is usually treatable. Full recovery may happen within days to weeks, compared to the prolonged recovery of a heart attack. Frequent follow up echocardiograms may be advised by your health care expert, along with visits.

(The writer is a consultant cardiologist at Manipal Hospital, Sarjapur Road)



NUGGETS

Walk held to raise cancer awareness

Cytecare Hospitals, in collaboration with the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Women Doctors' Wing (WDW), organised a community walkathon at Allalasandra Lake, Yelahanka, to raise cancer awareness and promote early detection and holistic recovery. Led by Dr Poovamma, senior consultant and director of breast oncology at Cytecare, the event witnessed participation from IMA officials, cancer survivors, WDW representatives, and hospital staff. The walkathon emphasised the role of physical activity in cancer prevention and recovery, complemented by a yoga session led by cancer survivor and wellness therapist Mili Baruah.

Pet-care startup launches its first offline clinic

Supertails has launched its first offline clinic in Koramangala, offering a holistic approach to pet care with their certified facility. The clinic is designed to provide a stress-free environment with separate waiting areas for cats, dogs, and small animals, dedicated consultation rooms, on-site pharmacy, OPD, diagnostic lab, grooming space, and radiology rooms along with treats and toys to prioritise pets' emotional well-being. Supertails co-founders Varun Sadana, Aman Tekriwal, and Vineet Khanna said, "As pet parents ourselves, we understand the fear and anxiety that comes with vet visits. Our clinic not only prioritises high-quality care but also focuses on the emotional well-being of pets." Supertails plans to open three more clinics in Bengaluru and introduce at-home care services soon.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, SAKHOF KHADRI SYED HIDAYATHULLA SAKHOF, Son of Late Syed Murtuza Sakhaff, residing at No.242, Syedwadi, Chann apatna, Ramanagara District-562160, have changed my name from SAKHOF KHADRI SYED HIDAYATHULLA SAKHOF to SAKHAFF KHADRI SHAKEEL, vide affidavit dated 07/02/2025sworn before notary L Puttaraju, Bengaluru, Reg. No.LAW-LCL/274/2020.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AYISHA SULTANA ABDUL, aged 46 years, W/o. Naveed Ahmed Shariff, Residing at No.52/2, Khazi Street, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560004, have changed my name to AYISHA SULTANA, vide affidavit dated: 11.02.2025 before Notary K.V. MANI, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VIDYA SHETTY, aged about 50 years, D/o. Prabhakara Rai Padur, A3-501, Elita Prmonenade, 7th Phase, JP Nagar, Bengaluru-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from VIDYA VASANTHA SHETTY to VIDYA SHETTY, vide affidavit dated 12.02.2025, sworn to before K.N. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KETAN MITHALAL DHEDHI, S/o Sri Mithalal Popatbhai Dhedhi, age 32 years, R/at No. 13/1, 9th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MITHA BHAI KETAN to KETAN MITHALAL DHEDHI, henceforth I shall be known and called as KETAN MITHALAL DHEDHI for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 11-02-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary L. SHANKARANARAYANA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DEVESH KUMAR GUPTA S/o Late Rajendra Prakash, R/o No.1608, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560040, Karnataka have changed my name from DEVESH KUMAR GUPTA to DEVESH GUPTA for all purposes vide affidavit dt. 07.02.2025 before Notary ONKARAPPA N R, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, SAYED MUNEER BASHA & SAYEEDA BANU, R/at No. Old No.228, New No.21, 1st Main, Nanjundeshwar Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560 096, have changed our daughter's name from SAYEEDA ZUHAA to MUFEEDA AAIRAH (ಮುಫೀದಾ ಆಯಿರಾ). Vide affidavit dated: 29/01/2025 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VIJAYAKUMARI D/O Late. Muniyappa is legally wedded wife of MR.P. MUNIRAJA presently residing at No.83, Manchappanahalli Village, Budigere Post, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru Urban Dist -562129, I declare that below mentioned both names VIJAYA KUMARI and VIJAYAKUMARI pertain to one and the same person. I declare that hereafter I will use my name as VIJAYAKUMARI, vide affidavit dated 11/2/2025 sworn to before T.Narayanaswamy Advocate and Notary Govt. of India, Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, BALARAJ S/o R MAGESHWARI, No 1386866, EMPLOYED AS MTS (SAFAIWALA) IN HQ MEG AND CENTRE, BANGALORE. RESIDING AT NO 36/8, DCA Qtr, HALASURU, BANGALORE-08 HERE BY DECLARE THAT IN MY MOTHER'S OFFICE RECORDS MY NAME IS MENTIONED AS POUL AND DOB 21-OCT-2002 WHICH ARE INCORRECT. I FURTHER STATE THAT MY ACTUAL AND CORRECT NAME IS BALARAJ AND MY DOB IS 23-OCT-2002 VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 10-FEB-2025 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY SIVAKUMARA M.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Bhakthi A Joshi W/o Santosh Kulkarni R/a No.1323, Sri Gurukrupa, Site No.51, Rangaiah Naidu Layout, T.Dasarahalli Post, Bangalore -560057. Hereby Declare That Bhakthi Aravindrao Joshi And Bhakthi A Joshi And Sneha Kulkarni Both The Names Belong To One And Same Person Only. Future Will Continue My Name as Sneha Kulkarni. Vide Affidavit Date: 26.11.2024. Sworn Before Notary: V.Anjanappa.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, YELLAMBALASE SRIKANTIAH CHANDRASEKHARA, S/o. SRIKANTIAH YELLAMBALASE KRISHNASWAMAIAH, Aged about 70 years, (Date of Birth 25.09.1954), presently residing at # 303, Vandana Onyx Apartment, Ranka Colony Road, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru - 560 076, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from YELLAMVALASE SRIKANTIAH CHANDRASEKHARA to YELLAMBALASE SRIKANTIAH CHANDRASEKHARA vide affidavit dated 12.02.2025 sworn to before P. Anuradha, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NIAZULLA SHARIFF, aged about 63 years, S/o Late Abdul Rahman, Residing at No. 13, 9th Cross, 15th main, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore-560001.
I have changed my Name from "NIAZULLA SHARIFF ABDUL RAHMAN" to "NIAZULLA SHARIFF" Vide Affidavit Dated 11/02/2025 Sworn To Before Notary ANITHA BAI at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt. R. YESHODA BAI, W/o Rama Rao, age 52 years, permanently R/at Flat No. 301, A.R. Residency, 24/3-2, JP Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560 078 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from YESHODA RAO to Smt. R. YESHODA BAI, henceforth I shall be known and called as Smt. R. YESHODA BAI for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3rd February 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary ANITHA BAI at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt. TEJASWINI M, D/o Mahadeva M, age 26 years, R/at No. 274/D, 12th Main, 2nd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Hanumantha Nagar, Bengaluru-560 050 do hereby declare that both the names of my son i.e. HANVIT .C and HANVIT RAAJ are one and the same and refers to my son only, now I have changed my son's name to HANVIT RAAJ, henceforth he shall be known and called as HANVIT RAAJ for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 10-02-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary K.V. BACHI REDDY at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KENNETH RUSSEL JERARD PINTO, S/o. late Jerard Paul Pinto, residing at#31, 1 Main, 2nd Cross, MES Road, Muthyala Nagar, Bengaluru 560054, have changed my name to KENNETH RUSSEL PINTO, vide Affidavit Dated: 12/02/2025 sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I. Rahamathulla Kurse @ Rahamath Ulla S/o. Basheer Ahmed, aged about 46 years, R/at: No.24, J Cross, 3d Main, Bismillah Nagar, B.G.Road, Bangalore - 560 029, have changed my name from Rahamathulla Kurse to Rahamath Ulla, vide affidavit dated 7/2/2025 sworn to before S.Nagaraja Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

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Thank you for blessings and favours granted. Seek your blessings always.
NARESH, SHOBHA, PUNIT

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ABHISHEK .S, S/o. Sri. Shankar Pujari, Aged about 25 years, residing at No. 356/B, 2nd Block, 5th Main Road, 9th 'B' Cross, Nandini Layout, Bangalore - 560 096, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from ABHISHEK .S to AGASTYA POOJARY vide affidavit dated 11.02.2025 sworn to before K. Mohan, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru.

NAME CORRECTION
I, NAFEESA KOUSAR, W/o Syed Nizamuddin, Aged about 61 years, R/at No. 234, 5th square Road, Austin Town, Bangalore - 560 047, do hereby declare that, my name has been wrongly recorded in my PASSPORT bearing No. F2336628 as NAFEESA KAUSER instead of NAFEESA KOUSAR. I affirm and state that my correct name is NAFEESA KOUSAR which is correctly recorded in my Aadhaar, PAN Card, Voter ID & my School transfer Certificate and my Pre-University Certificate. Vide affidavit dated 11.02.2025 sworn to before A. Idinabba, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAMAMANI VENKATESHMURTHY (Old Name), aged about 51 years, W/o. VENKATESHMURTHY.K.B., RESIDING AT NO.522, 4TH-A-MIN, 11TH CROSS, W.O.C. ROAD, MAHALAKSHMIPURA POST, BENGALURU-560086, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from RAMAMANI VENKATESHMURTHY (Old Name) to RAMAMANI MOTAPPA (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as RAMAMANI MOTAPPA (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 12/02/2025 before Notary C.V.EARAPPA, at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PAVAN KUMAR MAHOORKER, S/o Sri Vithalrao, age 47 years, R/at Flat No. C-510/610, SJR Luxuria Apartment, MICO Layout, Arekere, Bangalore-560 076 do hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is SWARA MAHOORKER, but in her school records, her name is recorded as SWARA instead of SWARA MAHOORKER, henceforth she shall be known and called as SWARA MAHOORKER for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th February 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary PUTTARAMAIAH at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRIYA SHANKAR SHANKAR Aged about 39 years, W/o Kartik Iyer R/at B 2115 Birchwood Prestige Sunrise Park, Neotown Road, Electronic City, Phase 1, Bangalore- 560100 have changed my name to PRIYA KARTIK vide affidavit dated: 12/2/2025 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SARALA KOTTU, aged about 41 years, W/o. Jagadish Tapala, No. 55, 4th Cross, 3rd Main Road, Sanjeevininagar Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560072, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SARALA KOTTI to SARALA KOTTU, vide affidavit dated 12.02.2025, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of Indai, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AISHWARYA SANJAY resident FLAT NO 404 B BLOCK SLR COMFORTS APARTMENT UTHRAHALLI MAIN ROAD RAJARAJESHWARI NAGAR BANGALORE - 560060, have changed my name from AISHWARYA KATHIRAVAN to AISHWARYA SANJAY, vide affidavit dated 6/2/2025 sworn to before Onkarappa.N.R. Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

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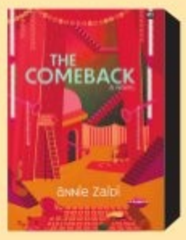
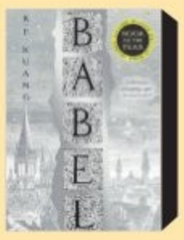


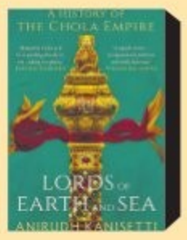
The Comeback
By Annie Zaidi

Riding high on the success of his first major film, actor John K lets his ego get the better of him and says too much in a fateful interview. *The Comeback* is a story of betrayal, friendship, forgiveness, and second chances.



Babel, or the Necessity of Violence
By RF Kuang

A historical fantasy epic that grapples with student revolutions, colonial resistance, and the use of language and translation as the dominating tool of the British Empire.



Lords of Earth And Sea
By Anirudh Kanisetti

The award-winning historian Anirudh Kanisetti brings to life the world of the Cholas. Not just the world of kings and queens attended by generals and 'service retinue' women – but the stories of the 'little people', whose lives were buffeted by big events.

Chronicle of an Hour and a Half
by Saharu Nusaiba Kannanari

It begins as a rumour of an illicit affair, a rumour that brings Saud and his sons to Vaiga in search of Burhan. The rumour soon takes on a life of its own, fuelled by feverish WhatsApp messages. In the ensuing chaos, as Vaiga erupts into violence and a mob takes to the street, baying for blood.

BUGGY VOYAGE

Visitors check out the Meyers Manx dune buggy car at the Men's Lifestyle Exhibition held recently at The Hatworks Boulevard, Vasanth Nagar | ALLEN EGENUSE J

QUICKFIX

SOM TUM (THAI GREEN PAPAYA SALAD)

INGREDIENTS

- **Green papaya:** 2 cups, shredded
- **Bird's eye chilli:** 2-3
- **Cherry tomato:** 5, halved
- **Palm sugar, fish sauce, lime juice and roasted peanuts:** 2 tbsp each
- **Garlic cloves:** 1-2
- **Green beans:** 4-5, cut into pieces
- **Dried shrimp:** 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Pound garlic and chillies in a mortar until crushed. Add palm sugar, fish sauce, and lime juice. Mix well.
- Add green beans and lightly crush them. Toss in shredded papaya and mix gently.
- Add cherry tomatoes and dried shrimp. Lightly pound to combine.
- Top with roasted peanuts, mix briefly and serve.

Contributed by **Asna,** Malappuram

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

Is doing Zumba enough or should I do other exercises for a more balanced routine?

Zumba is a good cardiovascular workout that helps burn calories while you are having fun. It's essential to incorporate other exercises to ensure a well-rounded fitness routine.

Aim to do 2-3 Zumba classes a week with at least one day of rest in between. Incorporate 2-3 sessions of strength training exercises targeting all major muscle groups. Include static stretching and other flexibility exercises post workout every day. You can even consider swapping one Zumba class with a yoga or pilates session.

ASK AN XPERT

For strength training, incorporate body weight and external resistance training using various props to build strength, muscle mass, and bone density. They help tone the body.

Yoga and pilates are good flexibility exercises which help joints move in a full range of motion and keep the muscles supple and elongated which prevents injuries.

Include core strengthening exercises to improve overall core strength and stability. Incorporating functional training exercises, such as squats, lunges, or step-ups, can help improve overall functional fitness.

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SUKHASANA NECK ROTATION

(EASY POSE NECK ROTATION)

This is a variation of neck exercises done while seated in Sukhasana (Easy Pose). This can be included as part of warm-up routine before moving into the variations of Easy Pose, or as part of cooling down routine, after intense shoulder and neck exercises. At the beginner level, this practice can be included in therapeutic yoga to help release neck stiffness. As it can be done anywhere, anytime, this simple exercise can help reduce the heaviness or stiffness at the neck and shoulders caused due to long hours at the desk, and even for those whose profession demands constant stretching of the cervical neck.

STEPS

- Start the practice seated on the floor or chair in Easy Pose.
- Bring your awareness to your breath, and stay here as you lengthen your spine for about 3-4 breaths.
- Place the palms firmly on the knees or do Gyan Mudra, placing your hands on respective knees.
- Gently exhale, and rotate the neck in one direction, let's say in anticlockwise for at least 5-7 times. Take 1-2 seconds pause and then repeat clockwise for again 5-7 times.
- Ensure the movement is slow, without jerks. While rotating if you find any discomfort, then hold that position for sometime, and breathe deep.
- This will help release the tightness or stiffness. You may want to repeat this again, to completely feel relaxed with that part of the neck or shoulder.
- To release, stop the rotation, and bring the head back to neutral position.
- Continue with the practice of other variations to completely free the neck and shoulders from any kind of tightness or stiffness.

BENEFITS

- Stretches and strengthens the muscles around the neck and shoulders; brings flexibility.
- Stretches the spine avoiding the stiffness in the back.
- Helps avoid sudden jerk-related pains.
- Repeated practise helps students understand where the stiffness is.
- Root causes of stiffness or pain in the neck can be addressed.
- Therapeutic for those students who are sick and need to spend most of their time in bed.
- Can help relax the shoulders and upper back due to soreness.
- Those who are recovering from a sports injury in the shoulders, arms, neck or even lower back would find this practice soothing.
- When coordinated with proper breathing can be relaxing to the mind too, bringing mind and body in sync.
- When the stiffness reduces, it brings awareness to the neck, shoulders, upper back and arms.
- The mind is also calmed down as the body is being released from the tightness or pain.
- More the physical body feels at ease, breathing also automatically improves, which has a direct impact on the nerves.
- With improved blood circulation, the spinal nerves rejuvenate, sending positive signals to the brain.

LIMITATIONS

- Students with any recent injury or surgery at the neck or shoulders should avoid this practice.
- Those who are not able to sit (especially seniors) or having issues related to arthritis, should take it easy.
- Those with any physical conditions like extreme shoulders or neck pain, should get the guidance of a yoga expert before practising it or avoid the pose.

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Sportive Battle

Kickstart your weekend watching a tight encounter between Sporting Club Bengaluru and Rajasthan United FC.

WHEN: February 13, 3.30pm
WHERE: Bangalore Football Stadium, Ashok Nagar
DETAILS: allevents.in

Cine Chemistry

Enjoy this Valentine's Day watching *500 Days of Summer* at Sunset Cinema Club. Experience this rom-com movie night on an open terrace while sinking into the comfort of a cosy bean bag along with your valentine. **WHEN:** February 14, 6.30pm **WHERE:** Forum South Bengaluru, Konanakunte **DETAILS:** insider.in

Brush Stroke

This Valentine's Day, immerse yourself in an enchanting evening filled with creativity and romance. Enjoy painting amidst a candlelit setup, flowers, and fairy lights, and take home your own masterpiece.

WHEN: 14 February 14, 6pm
WHERE: SOCIAL., Indiranagar
DETAILS: insider.in

Taste & Tunes

Enjoy an evening sipping some delicious cocktails away from the usual city hustle. Take a break and soak yourself into the beautiful skyline of the city.
WHEN: 13 February, 7pm
WHERE: Molly's Rooftop Bar and Lounge, Indiranagar **DETAILS:** highape.com

Love Beats

Celebrate love and music with live acoustic performances at Love Notes Live, a pre-Valentine's special event featuring Acoustic Saga. This event promises to be a fun-filled experience alongside heartfelt melodies and unforgettable moments.

WHEN: February 13, 8pm
WHERE: ROX, Mathikere
DETAILS: allevents.in

Comedy Night

Join for an evening filled with jokes and laughter, featuring a lineup of handpicked comedians who promise to make you laugh your heart out.

WHEN: February 13, 8pm
WHERE: Bake Stir Fry Cafe, Whitefield
DETAILS: allevents.in

Creative Punch

Dive into the world of punch needle embroidery, where you'll learn the basics including essential techniques, thread selection, and fabric choice to create one-of-a-kind designs, under expert guidance.

WHEN: 13 February, 12pm
WHERE: StoryZone, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

NATURE'S BALLET

Artist Joan Mary John celebrates the graceful dance of butterflies through nature's vibrant backdrop

'SIDLINGU SEQUEL WILL CARRY THE SAME MAGIC, PERHAPS EVEN MORE'

Yogi and Sonu Gowda, who share screen in this sequel, discuss their working experience and highlight why Vijaya Prasad is one of the most unique directors

A SHARADHAA

FOR Yogi, *Sidlingu* (2012), directed by Vijaya Prasad, marked his 14th film. Fast forward to *Sidlingu 2*, his 49th, the actor reflects on the evolution of his journey through the years. "I've always said I'm a director's actor," he begins. "I believe in the director's vision, but I'm also confident in sharing my ideas. It's all about collaboration. I didn't know much about acting or facing the camera back then—I was a shy guy. But now, this is my full-time job."

Looking back at the original film, Yogi shares, "That was a personal journey for me. At the time, I was like my character—carefree, not thinking about how life would turn out. It felt like a fresh start after 13 years. Now, both the character and I have matured." As Yogi speaks, he's joined by Sonu Gowda, who makes her entry into the *Sidlingu* universe with the sequel. The two share screen space and a special connection: Sonu knew Yogi even before his acting career took off. They share their working experience on *Sidlingu* and discuss how Vijaya Prasad is one of the most unique directors, ahead of its release on February 14. The film is produced by Sri hari Reddy and Raju Sesgar under Niharika Movies.

"When I was in 10th grade, Yogi had already shot Duniya and was still in school," Sonu recalls. "He'd come to my school, and we'd talk. Over time, we got to know each other better through my friends. Even today, whenever we discuss cinema, we connect easily. That rapport helps on set."

With sequels becoming a trend, many wonder: can they capture the magic of the first film, or do they risk losing the essence? According to Yogi, *Sidlingu 2* will stay true to the charm of the original. "When *Sidlingu* released, everyone loved it. This sequel will carry that same magic, perhaps even more. There's emotion, humour, and clean, healthy comedy," he says confidently.

A still from the film

Sonu adds, "With most sequels, the title often carries the weight of success. But if the sequel doesn't connect to the original, it can feel disconnected. With Sidlingu, we follow the character's journey from youth to adulthood—his struggles, his desires, his love stories. It's a relatable experience for anyone who's lost something or someone in life. It's that feeling of hope that connects with audiences."

Did Yogi know that the character of *Sidlingu* is inspired by director Vijaya Prasad's own life? Yogi explains, "I felt like I was playing Vijaya Prasad in a way. He's shared with me that many aspects of Sidlingu's journey are his own. The names, the costumes, the situations—all come from his real-life observations. He has a way of turning his own experiences into something meaningful on screen."

Yogi points out that Vijaya Prasad's life is fascinating as he is always observing the world around him. "His ability to visualise and bring those observations to life on screen is what makes his work so special," he shares.

When it comes to working with Vijaya Prasad, Yogi reflects on how the director shapes his performances. "With Vijaya Prasad, there's no point in rehearsing. He takes what he needs from you in the moment. I remember with Sidlingu, he would have me stand in front of him and just let me be. As a director, he knows exactly how to mold you into the right character."

For Sonu Gowda, her decision to join *Sidlingu 2* was driven by the director's vision. "I admired Vijaya Prasad's work, and when he offered me the role after watching me in Kiragoorina Gayyaligalu, I knew something interesting was coming. And, when I found out it was *Sidlingu 2*, I felt the pressure. People loved the original, and I had to do justice to the character of Niveditha, which was layered and beautiful."

While Sonu's character in the sequel brings a fresh love story, comparisons to the beloved Mangala, played by Ramya in Sidlingu, are inevitable. "Whenever I mention *Sidlingu 2*, people ask if Ramya is in the film, even though her character is no longer part of the story," Sonu says. "But the past is the past. Sidlingu's journey has moved on, and so has the character of Sidlingu. It's important not to be weighed down by comparisons." Yogi adds, "Sonu is a talented actress in her own right, and her chemistry with the character is what matters. *Sidlingu 2* is a continuation of my story and still has its own unique narrative to tell."

Yogi admits that he often watches *Sidlingu* to relive the joy of the film. "Whenever I need to make myself happy, I watch Sidlingu. I don't need a particular reason. I just feel good watching it because the director brought out the best in me as an actor."

His choices in films have evolved too. "I don't think the number of films you do matters anymore. What stays with people is the quality of the films you choose. People haven't forgotten me. They ask why I'm not doing more films, and it warms my heart to know they still care. They're excited about *Sidlingu 2*, and that means a lot to me," he concludes.

Sonu reflects on her journey, whether it's *Sidlingu* or other projects, and how she always strives to give her best. "There are times when I've felt certain projects would do well, but for example, with Kiragoorina Gayyaligalu, people advised me against accepting the role, saying it wasn't my style. But today, that movie led me to *Sidlingu 2*. You never know what will work—it's all about the thoughts of creative minds. When we work on a project, it's not just about creativity. We're not playing in lakhs, we're dealing with crores, so both the creative and business aspects must work hand in hand. The two lead actors believe *Sidlingu 2* will be enjoyed by viewers of all ages. Even those who haven't watched the first *Sidlingu* will still get a flashback to the first story. *Sidlingu 2* is all about human values, and it will connect with everyone—a film that brings the timeless charm of love, loss, and the pursuit of happiness."

1990'S LOCKS RELEASE DATE

CE FEATURES

KANNADA cinema has always embraced fresh, experimental ideas, and the team of *1990's* is planning to set one example in this spirit. Produced by Manassu Mallige Combines and directed by Nandakumar CM, this nostalgic love story is set in the vibrant 90s and stars Arun and Rani Warad in lead roles.

Ahead of the film hitting theatres, the makers had released its trailer, which was unveiled by Dr Na Someshwar, and director Indrajit Lankesh.

Dr Na Someshwar, praised the film's music and visuals, wishing the team success in their venture. Indrajit Lankesh, however, took the opportunity to bring up an important point: the need for more affordable ticket prices and improved facilities in some theaters. "The trailer looks fantastic, and I'm sure the film will be just as impressive," he shared, expressing his confidence in the project.

Director Nandakumar CM provided a few insights into the movie's core, stating, "Set in the 90s, as the title suggests, the film explores a romance, but beyond the traditional love story. It touches on all the elements that will draw in viewers of all age groups."

Producer Arun Kumar, who was humbled by the support from the dignitaries, expressed his gratitude while lead actors Arun and Rani Warad echoed similar sentiments, urging fans to experience the magic of *1990's* on the big screen when it releases on February 28.

A still from the film

'People have connected with my character Raju, and I can't neglect'

...says actor Gurunandan, as he discusses his upcoming film Raju *James Bond*, his plans to explore diverse roles, and his passion for balancing cinema with his other pursuits

CE FEATURES

WHAT began with *1st Rank Raju* (2019) for actor Gurunandan has now become a trademark for him, with the name "Raju" sticking to his on-screen persona. Back with yet another "Raju" role, *Raju James Bond*, Gurunandan describes this new Raju as a middle-class man—not as innocent as the first, but someone on a mission to preserve his mother's legacy. "It's about Raju's journey to protect the house his mother built and the lengths he goes to save it," he explains. And the "*James Bond*" in the title? "It represents the entertainment, emotional connections, and thrilling aspects of the story," he shares

At the film's recent pre-release event, the spotlight shone brightly on Sandalwood Queen Ramya, who graced the occasion as chief guest, alongside Home Minister G Parameshwara. Gurunandan said, "I personally requested Ramya's presence through a friend, and I'm thrilled she came to support our new team. There's a lot of excitement surrounding *Raju James Bond*."

Interestingly, the title *Raju James Bond* was suggested by one of Gurunandan's friends, who then had producer Kiran Barthur and Manjunath Vishwakarma backing the project. "I pitched the storyline to four directors before settling on Deepak Madhuvanahalli, whose screenplay captured the essence of middle-class values," he says.

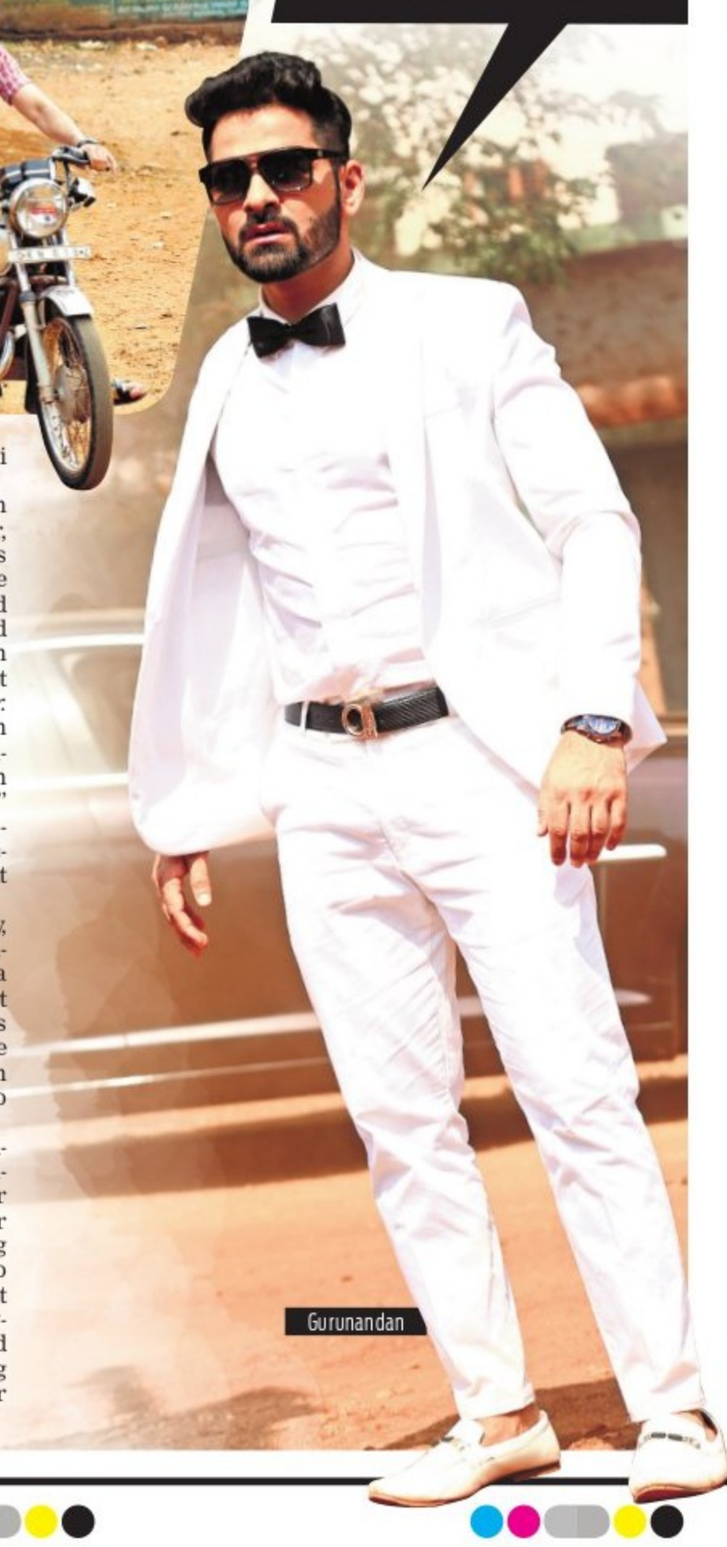
The film stars Mrudula as the female lead, with Chikkanna and actor Tablani in pivotal roles. Anoop Seelin provides the music, and Manohar Joshi handles cinematography.

A still from the film

Despite his association with the "Raju" character, Gurunandan is clear that he's looking to explore diverse roles. "People have connected with the character Raju, and I won't neglect that, but I'm also venturing into different projects. For example, *Mr. Jack*—a stand-up comedian character—was created under my own production house, Mandimane Talkies," he shares. "I'm also collaborating again with the director of *1st Rank Raju*, and that project is in the works."

Talking about his journey, he adds, "I started with serials, earning just Rs 1,000 a day, then 2,000, then 5,000. At one point, I thought I was set. But the desire to become a hero came next, and I am here, but later I decided to balance everything."

When asked about his dedication to cinema, Gurunandan responds, "I'm fifty per cent serious, and fifty per cent business. If everything falls into place, I'd love to stay in the film industry. But with the ever-changing dynamics, including OTT and satellite, I'm also balancing my time with my passion for farming. I enjoy it."



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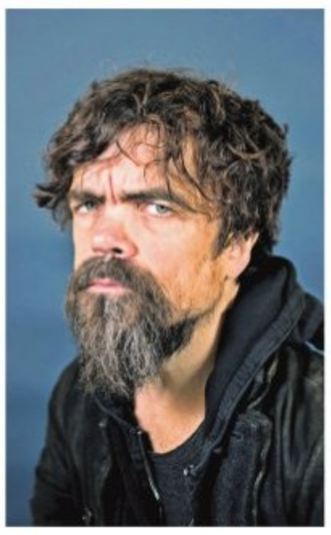


Peter Dinklage onboard *Dexter: Resurrection*

CE FEATURES

THE Dexter: Resurrection cast has added Peter Dinklage to its cast. Michael C Hall will be returning to play the lead role as the titular serial killer Dexter Morgan. Dinklage joins the series as a regular, portraying Leon Prater, a billionaire venture capitalist whose outward reputation as a generous philanthropist conceals a much darker side. Leon will collaborate closely with Charley (Uma Thurman), his head of security, a former Special Ops officer.

Furthermore, David Zayas, Jack Alcott, and James Remar will reprise their iconic roles as series regulars, returning as Angel Batista, Harrison Morgan, and Harry Morgan, respectively. Dexter: Resurrection is a follow-up to the 2021 Dexter: New Blood and is set in the present day. The series will be released in the summer of 2025.

Clyde Phillips (Dexter, Dexter: Original Sin) returns as showrunner and executive producer for Dexter: Resurrection, which is produced by Showtime Studios and Counterpart Studios. Monica Raymund (Dexter: Original Sin) will direct four episodes, while Marcos Siega will direct six. The series will be distributed by Paramount Global Content Distribution.

POSTS OF THE DAY

Bhupender Yadav @byadavbjp
Guru Ravidas ji was a strong supporter of social equality; he spread the message of harmony and brotherhood in society.

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
The Oval Office in the White House has been reduced to such a travesty, it's hard to believe how America is becoming the laughing stock of the world. The right-wing crackpots go mad when they get power.

Srinivas BV @srinivasiyc
Everything was fine up to 'sell everything to Adani'. But what kind of nationalism is it to compromise with the security of the country's borders for the profit of a friend?

PM recalls Savarkar's escape bid in Marseille

India-France relations touch new heights as Modi & Macron hold discussions on-board the presidential aircraft

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's sixth visit to France was as high on optics as it was on the wide-ranging engagements he held during his jam-packed two-day trip. To begin with, Modi's visit followed a series of unique reciprocal gestures, with the leaders serving as chief guests at each other's national days in the recent years. President Macron visited India as the chief guest for the 75th Republic Day on January 26 last year, while Prime Minister Modi had visited France as the guest of honour during Bastille Day celebrations in July 2023.

Following the AI summit which Macron co-chaired with Modi, the bilateral part of the visit began with the two leaders jointly addressing the India-France CEOs' Forum, which brought together leading businesses from sectors such as aerospace, defense, innovation, energy, infrastructure, agro-processing and consumer goods. Modi, at the meet, encouraged French companies to explore new opportunities, particularly in defense, civil nuclear, insurance, and advanced manufacturing.

After the forum, the two leaders travelled together to Marseille in the French presidential aircraft, which is rare. This is "emblematic not only of the deep personal trust between the two leaders, but also of the remarkable confidence that they have in each other, and that really characterises the relationship as well," Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron during the inauguration of the Indian Consulate in Marseille, France, on Wednesday | PTI

The Prime Minister and the President held discussions on-board the aircraft. "You could say that India-France relations touched new heights, literally," Misri said.

The discussions on various issues continued aboard the aircraft and continued upon landing in Marseille, where the two leaders were joined by their larger delegations. These talks extended into a dinner hosted by President Macron in honour of Prime Minister Modi.

"These discussions covered the entire gamut of our deep and diverse strategic partnership. The two leaders reviewed progress in the areas of defense, in the area of space, civil nuclear cooperation, and in the areas of health, as well as people-to-people cooperation between the two sides," Misri said.

The Prime Minister began his programme with a visit to the Mazargues War Cemetery on Wednesday, where he was joined by President Macron to honour the Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the First and Second World Wars.

In a post on X, Modi wrote, "Landed in Marseille. In India's quest for freedom, this city holds special significance. It was here that the great Veer Savarkar attempted a courageous escape. I also want to thank the people of Marseille and the French activists of that time who demanded that he not be handed over to British custody. The bravery of Veer Savarkar continues to inspire generations!"

In another significant gesture, the two leaders jointly inaugurated the new Indian Consulate General in Marseille, a move that had been announced by the Prime Minister during his visit to Paris in July 2023.

"I can't recall too many consulates that have been jointly inaugurated by a President and the Prime Minister, so this was a really, really special occasion, and it speaks to, once again, the kind of friendship, the sense of comfort, and the sentiments that are shared by the two leaders and our two peoples," Misri said. Then the two leaders visited the the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor Facility, ITER, in Cadarache, together.

The experimental campaign at ITER is vital for advancing fusion science and paving the way for the fusion power plants of the future. And breaking away from protocol, President Marcon was the airport to see off Prime Minister Modi.

INDIA, FRANCE DISCUSS VETO POWER IN UNSC

India and France expressed a commitment to strengthen discussions on the regulation of the veto power within the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in cases involving mass atrocities. France has long advocated for the veto to be withheld when atrocities are occurring or are imminent, proposing a voluntary "code of conduct" among the permanent members to prevent its use in such situations. The statement highlighted France's continued support for India's permanent membership on the UNSC, further emphasizing the importance of collective action in addressing global challenges. The two leaders also agreed to enhance their collaboration on both global and regional fronts, strengthening engagement through multilateral initiatives. Modi also extended an invite to the French Army to take a closer look at the Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher. He emphasized that acquisition of Pinaka artillery system by France would be another milestone in Indo-French defence ties.

Waqf Bill: House panel report to be tabled in LS today

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Joint Committee on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, will table the final report in the Lok Sabha on Thursday. Though the Bill was scheduled to be tabled in the Lower House on February 3, it was removed from the revised list later.

According to the 'List of Business' of the Lok Sabha secretariat, the the committee's chairman Jagdambika Pal, along with BJP MP Sanjay Jaiswal, will lay on the table the record of evidence given before the Joint Committee of Parliament (JPC).

The final report of the JPC on Waqf Bill was presented to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on January 30, after the panel adopted the draft report and the amended revised bill on January 29. While it approved 14 amendments proposed by the ruling NDA members, all amendments by the Opposition MPs were rejected. However, the Opposition leaders submitted their dissent notes on the report.

Some of the Opposition members alleged that parts of their dissent note on the Waqf Bill were redacted by the chairman without their consent. Congress MP Syed Naseer Hussain and AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi raised similar concerns.

However, Jagdambika Pal defended the deletion saying that the report carried all the objections on the clauses of the bill, but personal abuses can't be part of the report. "The JPC final report is 482 pages and the dissent notes of the Opposition runs into 281 pages. How many more pages do they require? According to rules of procedures of the committee, unparliamentary/derogatory remarks over the functioning of the panel cannot be part of the report," he said.

However, Naseer Hussain said that the members, despite having been rushed through, had circulated detailed dissent notes along with introductory paragraphs and conclusions. "These notes had to be considered as a whole and if any part thereof was not being included in the report, the member concerned ought to have been informed, Not even a word from the dissent note could be omitted at the whims and fancies of the Secretariat."

SC to hear pleas over CEC appointment on Feb 19

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday fixed February 19 to hear a batch of pleas against the appointment of the chief election commissioner (CEC) and election commissioners under the 2023 law, saying if anything happens in the interregnum, the consequences are bound to follow.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh was told by advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for NGO Association for Democratic Reforms, that earlier the pleas were scheduled to be heard on Wednesday but now they have been listed for February 19.

Bhushan said the urgency in the matter is that CEV Rajiv Kumar is scheduled to superannuate on February 18 and the government may appoint the new CEC under the 2023 law, which is under challenge.

The bench said, "We are fixing the matter for hearing on February 19. If anything happens in the interregnum, consequences are bound to follow."

Bhushan said the apex court registry has informed them that as Justice Kant was unwell, the matters were posted for hearing on February 19. Justice Kant said now all the matters will be taken up for hearing on February 19. On February 3, the top court while fixing the matter for Wednesday, said it will decide the issue on merit and finally.

Bhushan had earlier submitted that the 2023 verdict held that the ECs have to be selected for appointment by an independent panel comprising the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition and Chief Justice of India.

"They have brought an Act by which they have removed the chief justice and brought in another minister, making the commissioners appointment only at the pleasure of the government. You need to have an independent committee to appoint the election commissioners," Bhushan had said.

Advocate Varun Thakur, appearing for Congress' Jaya Thakur, had earlier submitted that they had moved the application seeking a direction to the Centre that the CEC appointment should be made as per the March 2, 2023 verdict of the Constitution bench.

On March 15, 2024, the top court refused to stay the appointments of new ECs under a 2023 law which excluded the CJI from the selection panel and deferred hearing on of pleas challenging the appointments.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Can't overlook right to life of accused: SC

A two-judge bench on Wednesday said the right to life and liberty under Article 21 couldn't be overlooked only because a person faced criminal charges as it quashed a case against three persons under the stringent UP Gangsters Act. The bench said the cases against persons booked under UP Gangsters Act, 1986 couldn't be run-of-the-mill but serious.

'Unified pension scheme notified'

Attorney general R Venkataramani and solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, informed the court on Wednesday that it recently notified the Unified Pension Scheme, which might address the concerns of judicial officers. The matter relates to the applicability of the New Pension Scheme to officers of the district judiciary.

Homoeopathy commission chief told to step down

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday directed the chairperson of the National Commission for Homoeopathy, Dr Anil Khurana, to step down from his post, after noting that the appointment was not in accordance with law.

Setting aside a Karnataka High Court order, a two-judge SC bench comprising Justices Dipankar Datta and Manmohan, directed Dr Khurana to leave the office in a week.

"The respondent (Dr Khurana) shall step down from the office of the chairperson from a week from today to enable him to complete his assignment, however without taking any policy decision involved with finances. Fresh process shall be initiated for appointment of the office of chairperson expeditiously," the bench said.

The SC passed the order after hearing a plea filed by Dr Amaragouda L Patil challenging Dr Khurana's appointment.

EC: 54 in 1951 to 743 in 2024, no of political parties sees 15-fold jump

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THERE has been a 15-fold increase in number of political parties (from 54 in 1951-52 to 743 in 2024) contesting in general elections and five times increase in the number contesting candidates from 1,874 in 1951-52 to 8,360 in 2024, revealed the data released by the Election Commission on Tuesday.

In a statement, the poll panel said, "In the first General Election of 1951, there were only 1.96 lakh polling stations, but by 2024, this number had surged to 10.53 lakh polling stations, a testament to the commission's relentless efforts to ensure that no voter is left behind."

It went on to add that the electorate base has grown exponentially, as in the first Lok Sabha elections, the number of electors stood at 17.32 crore, whereas, in 2024, the electorate swelled to over 97 crores.

As per the EC data, the 2024 General Election saw more than 64.6 crore electors exercising their right to vote, which marked a significant increase in voter participation.

"The voter turnout in 1951-52 was just 45.7%, but by 2024, this had risen to above 66%, making it the third consecutive General Election where voter participation exceeded 65%. The political landscape has also seen a remarkable growth. In 1951-52, only 53 political parties participated in the elections, while more than 740 political parties contested in 2024," the election commission said.

The number of candidates contesting the elections in 2024 stood at an "astounding 8,360, with 7,190 candidates forfeiting their deposits".

Maharashtra emerged as the state with the highest number of contesting candidates, fielding 1,121 candidates, while Ladakh and Nagaland saw the lowest, with only three candidates each. This disparity highlights the contrasting political engagement across regions, with densely populated states seeing higher competition.

The EC data also highlighted that in the 2024 elections, out of the total 543 elected candidates, 74 were women. This marked a steady progress toward gender inclusivity in Indian politics. West Bengal led the way with the highest number (11) of female candidates. Uttar Pradesh elected the highest number of male candidates, at 73 out of 80.

GENERAL ELECTIONS SO FAR

Year of GE	Total electors (Crore)	Parties	Candidates
1951-52	17.32	53	1,874
1957	19.36	15	1,519
1962	21.63	27	1,985
1967	25.02	25	2,369
1971	27.41	53	2,784
1977	32.11	34	2,439
1980	35.62	36	4,629
1984-85	40.03	35	5,492
1989	49.89	113	6,160
1991-92	51.15	145	8,749
1996	59.25	209	13,952
1998	60.58	176	4,750
1999	61.95	169	4,648
2004	67.14	230	5,435
2009	71.69	363	8,070
2014	83.40	464	8,251
2019	91.19	673	8,054
2024	97.97	743	8,360

80K killed due to extreme weather events in 1993-2022 period: Study

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

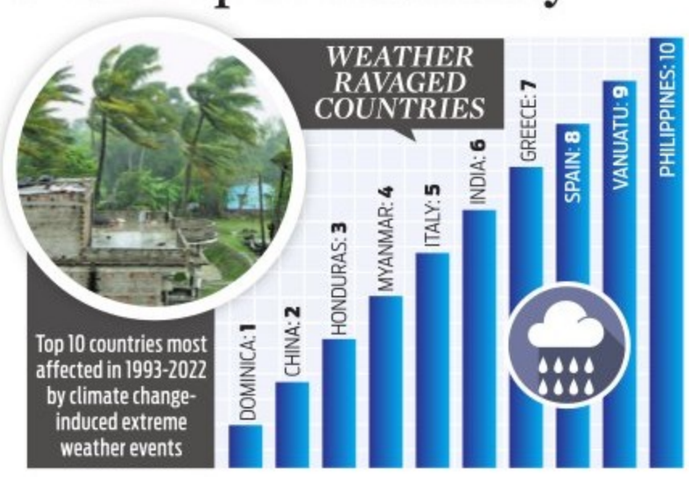
INDIA registered at least 80,000 fatalities in the past three decades, causing losses of nearly $180 billion (inflation-adjusted) between 1993 and 2023 due to climate change-induced extreme weather events, a study says.

The study by Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2025, published on Wednesday by the environmental organization Germanwatch, shows that over the last 30 years, Global South countries have been particularly affected by the impacts of extreme weather events.

India ranked 6th and experienced over 10% of total global fatalities and 4.2% of global economic loss due to extreme weather events.

The study states that India is one of the top countries at continuous risk of natural disasters. "For instance, climate change has made devastating early heat in India 30 times more likely," it says.

"India experienced more than 400 extreme weather events in the past three decades, causing losses of nearly $180 billion (inflation-adjusted) and at least 80,000 fatalities. Moreover, 4.6 crore were affected overall due to extreme weather events," the report says.



The CRI report underscores India's diverse climate risks and their varied impacts, including loss of lives and distressed migration. It states that India has faced increasingly frequent extreme weather events, including floods, heat waves, cyclones, and drought. Floods and landslides displaced millions and damaged agriculture, and cyclones devastated coastal areas.

It has pointed 1998 Gujarat and 1999 Odisha cyclones, Cyclones Hudhud and Amphan in 2014 and 2020, the 1993 floods in northern India, the Uttarakhand floods of 2013, and severe floods in 2019. "Moreover, recurring and unusually intense heat waves, all with temperatures around 50°C, claimed many lives in 1998, 2002, 2003, and 2015," the report says.

Buy air tickets from panchayats soon, says Shah

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

UNION Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah said on Wednesday that each panchayat in the country will have a primary agricultural cooperative society (PACS).

"Currently, PACS are involved in booking railway tickets, and the Ministry of Cooperation is working to enable PACS to sell airline tickets as well," he said while presiding over the first meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Cooperation on 'Initiatives to Strengthen Cooperative Societies'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi once remarked that "people wearing 'hawai chappals' would travel by flight", and moving towards this vision, the NDA government is working to ensure that air tickets are accessible even in the remotest corners of the country's every panchayat.

Shah stressed that enterprises associated with India's cooperative sector would now compete with corporate entities, fulfilling the PM's vision of 'Sahkar Se Samriddhi' (prosperity through cooperation). "The government is committed to ensuring the cooperative sector enjoys the same opportunities as the corporate sector," he said.

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"The Ministry of Cooperation, in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, the Reserve Bank of India, and the Income Tax Department, has taken steps to create a unified tax structure for both corporate and cooperative sectors," he added.

He noted that the government's first task after the creation of the Ministry of Cooperation was to compile a database of PACS in partnership with state governments, with the aim of establishing 2 lakh PACS in the next five years. "Now, the work to develop the national cooperative database is nearly complete, and information on cooperative societies across the country is available at the click of a button," he said.

PACS are currently linked to over 20 different activities and functioning as Common Service Centres, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, and offering other services within panchayats.

According to the data on the National Cooperative Database portal, the country has 1,01,524 functional PACS. Maharashtra leads with the highest number of PACS at 21,060, followed by Gujarat with 10,193, Bihar with 8,484, Rajasthan with 8,187, Uttar Pradesh with 7,178, and Karnataka with 6,001.

Highlighting the importance of trained manpower in the cooperation sector, Shah said his ministry has introduced a bill for the establishment of the Tribhuvan Sahkari University and "it will be passed by Parliament soon."